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With only months to go before the CNMI could revisit the divisive issue of land alienation restrictions by 2012, Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) pre-filed a Senate legislative initiative seeking to ask voters whether they want to continue or repeal Article 12 of the NMI Constitution.

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FBI agents and local firefighters and police officers in protective suits scour a portion of the Marpi landfill yesterday afternoon to look for clues or evidence that could be linked to the disappearance of sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk. The day when the sisters were reported missing on May 25 was also the day when garbage in the As Teo area was picked up, leading investigators to also search the landfill.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Trash collectors did not see Luhk sisters at bus stop

» Pickup truck spotted twice in area days before girls' disappearance
» More firefighters, cops join FBI team in search at landfill

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Garbage collectors did not see sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk at a bus stop in As Teo on May 25, the day when they went missing, but disclosed that they twice spotted a pickup truck in the area just days before the girls' disappearance.

As this developed, more CNMI firefighters and police of-

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Saipan taxi group offers \$500 reward for info on Luhk sisters

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Besides distributing flyers to help locate sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk who have been missing since May 25, the Saipan City Taxi Association is also now offering a \$500 reward for any information leading to the return of the two sisters.

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Fitial extends personal leave in PH

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who was initially expected to be back in the CNMI Wednesday or Thursday, has extended his personal leave until Sunday.

Because of the governor's extended leave, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos remains as acting governor at least until Sunday.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that the governor and first lady Josie Fitial are in the Philippines "tending to a family friend undergoing medical treatment."

"At the same time, they are visiting with family members there," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The governor and his wife left Saipan on Sunday night, and would be gone for a total of one week.

Since Fitial's personal leave, the acting governor vetoed the controversial bill suspending the educational tax credit program during periods of government austerity but has pushed for reform of the program, as well as signed into local laws an over \$3-million poker revenue bill for Saipan and \$8,000 for Tinian's medical referral and other patients. **(Haidee V. Eugenio)**

Inos OKs \$8,000 for Tinian patients

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos signed into local law on Wednesday a measure appropriating \$8,000 for Tinian's medical referral patients, and for the subsistence allowance of other patients from the island.

The \$8,000 comes from poker and pachinko license fees collected.

Half of this money will go toward medical referral patients. The other \$4,000 will be for the monthly subsistence allowance of patients on dialysis and those with cancer and other debilitating diseases.

Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian), author of the local bill, said in a phone interview that he's thankful for the acting governor's prompt action on the measure and for "understanding the needs of the indigent medical referral patients." **(Haidee V. Eugenio)**

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McDonald's brings back Asian Salad, summer treats

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Good news for salad lovers! McDonald's Saipan is once again offering its popular Asian Salad, a healthy, colorful, and balanced menu choice at an affordable value, for a limited time only.

McDonald's Asian Salad is a blend of fresh vegetables that include premium greens, tender edamame, crisp snow peas, thinly sliced carrots, red bell pepper, sliced and toasted almonds, and sweet mandarin oranges.

The salad, which is served with a packet of Newman's Own Low-fat Sesame Ginger dressing, comes with a choice of orange-glazed grilled or crispy white meat chicken breast fillet.

When buying Asian Salad at McDonald's, customers may buy the plain salad for just \$3.99 or with the grilled or crispy chicken topping for just \$5.

McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu said yesterday that they started serving the Asian Salad to their customers last Sunday.

The Asian Salad, initially offered a few years back, joins the line of Premium Salads available at McDonald's Middle Road location.

It is also among their healthy meal alternatives in their menu, including the Southwest Salad and the Fruit & Maple Oatmeal.

"We're very excited to bring back the Asian Salad since it's

always been a favorite and one of the most popular items in our menu," Ayuyu told *Saipan Tribune*. "When it was pulled out, customers kept asking when we're going to have it again. Now it's back."

According to Ayuyu, reintroducing the Asian Salad is timely as more and more diners are picky about what they eat these days.

"People are looking for healthy food choices for a healthier lifestyle. With the Asian Salad, our customers can have a delicious and nourishing meal that will make you feel full for the rest of the day," she said.

Ayuyu said customers are guaranteed that McDonald's Saipan only uses the freshest vegetable ingredients in preparing the salad.

"We only prepare the salad upon order so customers can enjoy its refreshingly delicious taste," she said.

Since they started offering the Asian Salad anew, Ayuyu said many of their patrons have been buying it. "Please try our Asian



CLARISSA V. DAVID
McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu shows off a sample of the Asian Salad.

Salad, which will only be available for a limited time. We've made its price very competitive as our way to thank our customers and make them enjoy a nutritious meal," she said.

Summer treats

Aside from the Asian Salad, Ayuyu said they also have other thirst quenching promotions in both Middle Road and

Garapan locations this summer.

Just recently, McDonald's Saipan launched the McCafé Frozen Strawberry Lemonade, a sweet, tangy and icy refreshment that's perfect for the summer. Its introductory prizes are \$2.99 for small (12 oz), \$3.75 for medium (16 oz), and \$5 for large (22 oz).

For the McCafé Strawberry Banana Smoothie, a cool blend of strawberries and bananas with ice cream and creamy low-fat yogurt, Ayuyu said they have an ongoing limited promotion where customers can buy one large (22 oz) smoothie for \$5.25 and they'll get another one free.

The smoothie also comes in a small (12 oz) size for \$3.75 and a medium (16 oz) for only \$4.50.

Caffeine loving patrons can choose between McCafé Mocha Frappe or the Premium Roast Iced Coffee.

McCafé Mocha Frappe, the coffee-chocolate goodness of mocha blended with ice and topped with whipped cream, is available in small (12 oz, \$3.75),

medium (16 oz, \$4.50) or large (22 oz, \$5.25) sizes.

On the other hand, Premium Roast Iced Coffee, which is made of 100 percent pure Arabica beans, comes in five flavors: regular, hazelnut, caramel, vanilla, and sugar-free

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GTC, Tinian Elementary top medal tally in language tilt

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Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School and Tinian Elementary School emerged as the big winners in the recent Chamorro and Carolinian language competitions held simultaneously by

Admin, lawmakers weigh in on rule of succession

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The Fitial administration would want to hear from Saipan Mayor Donald Flores about his decision to appoint a council member instead of the chairman as “acting mayor,” despite the rule of succession established in the one-month old Saipan Local Law 17-8.

“The administration would like to take this matter up with the mayor upon his return. Obviously, there is now a local law governing this procedure and it should be adhered to,” press secretary Angel Demapan said.

At the same time, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation is seeking a legal opinion on whether the Saipan mayor acted within his authority under the Constitution in

the Public School System at Southern High School, Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, and Hopwood Junior High School.

Records from the competitions’ organizers showed that GTC hauled a total of 26 medals, of which 17 were first prize honors in the following categories:

question and answer, storytelling, oratorical, choral reading, drawing, children’s choir, and spelling contest.

The 26 medals comprised 17 first prize honors, five second place awards, and four third place ribbons for various divisions, which included kindergarten to second grade, third to fifth level, and

sixth to eighth division.

Tinian Elementary School came next with 17 medals—six first place awards, four second place honors, and seven third place recognitions. Among the categories it won first place included spelling, poetry recitation, and question and answer in different divisions.

Rota High School hauled 14 total awards in all competitions, while Tinian Junior and Senior High School and Sinapalo Elementary in Rota went home with 13 medals each in three separate events.

Marianas High School also emerged a big winner, bagging 13 awards.

Three schools bagged 10 medals: Koblerville Elementary, Dandan Elementary, and Kagman Elementary School.

Other schools have the following medal tally: Garapan Elementary School, five; Dr. Rita Inos Hocog Junior High, four; Oleai Elementary, four; Chacha Oceanview Junior High, two; and William S. Reyes Elementary, two.

Awarding for some categories was held at Hopwood Junior High School on May 14, including categories for song with dance, chant, male/female singer, and children’s choir.

VOTERS

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Article 12 restricts ownership of lands to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

If and when Manglona’s Senate Legislative Initiative 17-10 passes the Senate and House and is ratified by voters, it will repeal Article 12’s Sections 1 to 6.

It needs the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of each house of the Legislature present and voting, to be presented to the voters.

Section 805 of the Covenant allows the CNMI to revisit its land alienation restrictions 25 years after the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement in 1986. That 25-year period will end this year.

Manglona, in an interview, said this means revisiting the divisive issue will be allowed “starting in 2012,” and not necessarily in 2012 only.

“Article 12 has served its purpose; our people are ready to continue the process of advancing as part of the global marketplace,” Manglona said in his initiative.

This early, some senators and House members are expressing support for the initiative.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) said he will vote on the initiative, and hopes that the question will be presented to voters.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said the pre-filing of a legislative initiative on land ownership “is a new development and the administration will look into it before establishing its position.”

Manglona said ending Article 12 is “more than just a temporary economic fix.”

“[It] is a recognition of the fact that we are now a sophisticated people, ready to handle the freedom and responsibility of disposing of our privately held property as we see fit. While we are proud of our tradition and our culture that promotes family and faith over more materialistic concerns, we find that Article 12 unreasonably restricts our people,” Manglona said in his initiative’s findings.

The Senate president presented the views of both those opposed to and supporting Article 12’s repeal.

Those who oppose a repeal see local peoples losing their land and their identity, citing Hawaii and Guam as examples “of what we do not want—native inhabitants living in apartments, landless.”

“Proponents of keeping Article 12 cite a list of horrors like selling property held for generations to buy a new pickup, or some other instant gratification that will soon be worth nothing.

They see locals living off minimum wage or government assistance, in government-subsidized apartment houses where tenants, once proud landowners, have nothing to give their children,” the initiative says.

On the other side, those who want a repeal of Article 12 see it as “a relic of the past which keeps native peoples from advancing.”

“Home values, they argue, are repressed by an artificial market where a lack of buyers keeps home prices low. Indeed, they relate, rich locals can afford to buy choice property from poor families in need of cash to live, far less than the property might be worth in a market with competition,” the initiative says.

Those supporting a repeal also cited the near total absence of banks that will loan money to an average homeowner due to the artificially repressed value of property.

Manglona’s initiative also says that homeownership in an open market, buying property with a mortgage, gives families the opportunity to purchase property over time because they could never afford it outright.

“In an open market where there is true competition for real property and home values increase over time, paying off a mortgage creates wealth. Indeed, buying a home with a mortgage can be likened to a large piggy bank, the mortgage holders is forced to save money by paying off a mortgage and over time, a small investment becomes substantial,” the initiative says.

For years, the issue has been drawing opposing views.

Proponents of Article 12’s repeal say the land alienation restriction forces them to dictate to their children who they should marry because those who fall below the 25 percent Chamorro or Carolinian blood requirement cannot own land.

David M. Sablan of the Citizens for Change of Article 12 has said if the blood requirement continues, “by the fifth or sixth generation onward, a large number of Chamorros and Carolinians can no longer own land in the CNMI.”

But Article 12 also considers NMD an adopted child if he or she were adopted under the age of 18, even if that child is of a lineage other than Chamorro or Carolinian; for example, an adopted child could be of pure Chinese or Filipino blood and could automatically inherit land. To many, this is unfair to those who have Chamorro or Carolinian blood, no matter how low the blood percentage is.

Others say a full repeal of Article 12 is not necessary.

Other lawmakers support extending private land leases from 55 years to 99 years.

TRASH

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Officers joined the FBI in the search for clues at the Marpi landfill yesterday, but found nothing.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, a driver/collector of a trash collection company said that he and his helper were assigned to pick up trash in the As Teo area on May 25.

The collector, who asked not to be identified, said they arrived in As Teo around 5:45am and picked up garbage from two customers. He said one of the trash bins was located behind the bus stop pavilion.

At the time, he said, they did not see the 10-year-old Faloma and the 9-year-old Maleina or any other children at the bus stop.

It usually just takes them about 10 minutes to pick up the trash from their two customers every Wednesday. He said they did not notice anything unusual in the garbage bins.

The collector, however, disclosed that he and his helper first noticed a gray Nissan pickup truck parked near the gate of Santa Lourdes Shrine two Wednesdays before May 25.

They could not see the driver as the truck’s lights were on high beam and it was still dark at the time. The shrine is a few meters from the bus stop pavilion.

He said that when they returned to the area the following Wednesday, they

saw the same pickup truck traveling in the direction of the bus stop.

“We thought that the driver is a resident in the area so we just ignored the truck,” the garbage collector said.

He said they did not see the truck on May 25 itself.

He said the FBI has already talked to him and his helper about the incident twice.

“We also want these girls to be found. In fact when we collect trash, we also look around for them,” he said.

After As Teo, they would usually proceed to Kagman, Papago, San Vicente, Dandan, then to their final destination, the Marpi landfill.

An employee of another trash collection company said that they had one customer in As Teo on May 25. The employee said their collector would pick up the trash in As Teo shortly before 11am. The collector also did not see the girls and did not notice anything unusual in the trash that day.

Another trash collection company has six customers in the area, but their pickup day is Saturday, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Landfill search

On Wednesday, FBI agents, fire fighters and police investigators began scouring a garbage heap at the Marpi landfill to look for clues in the disappearance of the Luhk sisters.

The FBI team resumed their search yesterday at the landfill with a much

larger group—40 personnel—with more firefighters and police investigators joining in.

FBI special agent Tom Simon told *Saipan Tribune* last night that they were moving yesterday at a much quicker pace than originally anticipated.

Simon disclosed that the focus of the search at the landfill right now is the backpacks that the girls were carrying when they went missing.

One backpack has on the right shoulder strap the word “Faloma” while the left strap has the words “Quitugua Luhk.” It is described as dark purple with writing on both shoulder straps. The brand may be Jansport or similar.

Maleina’s backpack, meanwhile, is Dora the Explorer, Simon said.

He denied rumors circulating yesterday that one of the backpacks had already been recovered.

Simon said the Department of Public Safety’s Fire Division supplied “an army of strong men who were just ready to go, go, go.”

“They’re working very hard to get things done,” he said, adding that the search at the landfill may take three to four more days.

While searching the landfill, other FBI agents are working with the CNMI police in covering leads and knocking on doors and talking to people who might have some information, he said.

Simon’s message to the community: “Don’t give up hope and keep calling in leads.”

Bureau of Investigation, \$1,000 from IT&E, another \$1,000 from Sorensen Media Group, and up to \$1,000 from the CNMI Crime Stoppers.

The missing girls’ grandfather, Elbert Quitugua, earlier said the family will also announce a five-digit monetary reward to help locate the sisters. The money, he said, will be donated by an “anonymous” donor.

This is the first time in CNMI history that dozens of federal and local agents, supported by hundreds of volunteers, have been mobilized to help locate missing children.

TAXI

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“We hope to be able to help,” Saipan City Taxi Association president Rabby Syed told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Since last week, the 16-member taxi association has been distributing flyers to help federal and local authorities and the family in locating the two girls, aged 9 and 10.

Syed, who is also the president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said

they are also offering their services—free of charge—to volunteers and law enforcers involved in the search operation for the two sisters who were reportedly last seen waiting for their school bus in the early morning of May 25 in As Teo.

To date, up to \$13,500 in total reward money has been offered in connection with the search operation for the Luhk sisters, both students at Kagman Elementary School.

Besides the Saipan City Taxi Association’s \$500 reward, the others include up to \$10,000 offered by the Federal

Ex-BMV supervisor pleads guilty in driver's license scam

William A. Hocog, a former supervisor at the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles, has pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiring with four others to illegally issue driver's licenses in exchange for cash.

In a change of plea hearing Wednesday afternoon in federal court, Hocog pleaded guilty to conspiracy to unlawfully produce and transfer an identification document.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge John C. Coughenour set Hocog's sentencing for Sept. 13, 2011, at 10am. The plea agreement was placed under seal.

Hocog used to be the supervisor at BMV's Records and Firearms Section. He was represented at trial by attorney Vicente Salas.

Earlier that afternoon, Hocog's co-defendants, Hongmei Sun and Hui Qiang Yan,

also pleaded guilty to the same charge. Sun and Yan will be

sentenced on Sept. 14, 2011.

The other co-defendants in the case are Mohammad Jahangir Miah and his wife, Tahira

Dolores S. Miah.

According to the prosecution, Sun and Yan introduced foreign nationals as driver's license appli-

cants to the Miah couple in order for the applicants to illegally obtain driver's licenses with the help of Hocog. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Man allegedly threatens to kill girlfriend for \$200 debt

A man allegedly beat up his girlfriend at her barracks in San Antonio on Monday night, allegedly threatening to kill her with a knife for failing to pay back the \$200 she borrowed from him.

Jin Hua Liu, 34, was arrested for assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and disturbing the peace.

A \$6,500 cash bail was initially imposed for Liu's temporary release. He was set to be taken to court yesterday afternoon for a bail hearing.

The victim sustained a small cut on the bridge of her nose.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that, a patrol officer responded to the Sablan Compound in San Antonio on Monday at 9:32pm after receiving a call about a disturbance.

Pangelinan said when the patrol officer arrived at the barracks, the victim was seen crying.

The victim told police that earlier that night, Liu had punched her in the face and threatened her with a knife after she told him she couldn't pay yet the \$200 she borrowed from him. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

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Several performing groups on island took center stage as the initial presenters at the opening night of the 30th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival Thursday night.

These groups were Chronos, Inatuas Cultural Dancers, The Playmates, Saipan Music & Dance, Cab Dancers, Retro Jazz Band, and Chezka De Luna & Jimaela Ham.

Last night's program at the American Memorial Park was hosted by Tony Joe Angui and Gary Sword of radio station KKMP.

Tonight, more performing artists are expected to grace the annual celebration. There will be presentations from the Dragon Team, Poongmulpae, Pacific Flowers, Latte Vibe, and Afetna Regime.

Marciano and John Hosono will be the masters of ceremony on Friday's program.

Marciano, who chairs the festival's entertainment committee, said yesterday that a delegation from Tinian confirmed at the last

minute that they will be participating in this year's festivities.

"The Tinian delegation will take over the performance slots left vacant by the Rota group," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The festival's opening ceremony will be held tomorrow morning at 10am and will be hosted by Sword and Catherine Perry of Integrity Communications.

Arts Council executive director Angel S. Hocog said the highlights of the ceremony include the presentation of certificates of dedication to individuals who had significant contribution to arts and culture in the Commonwealth.

Recognition for off-island delegates from New Zealand and Japan, festival sponsors, and all participating artists will also be made, he added.

"On behalf of the festival committee and the Arts Council board of directors, I want to encourage and invite the entire community to come out and be part of the 30th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival. Let's celebrate arts and culture in the CNMI," he said.

Welcome reception

The festival committee on Wednesday night also held a welcome dinner reception for the New Zealand delegates at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

The delegation is composed of Ruakiri Fairhall, Victoria Pirihi, Ryl Pirihi, Candi Pirihi, Hereana Roberts, Leonie Rorason, Te Wha Whanga Williams, Hamiora Werahiko, and Paora Biddios.

The nine-member delegation gave a sneak preview of their performances at the reception that was also attended by Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Teen allegedly molests minor in Kagman

A teenager who allegedly molested a girl in Kagman was arrested early Tuesday morning.

Joshua Deleon Guerrero, 18, was taken to the Superior Court Wednesday afternoon for sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree. Bail was set at \$25,000 property bond.

In his report, detective Jonathan SN. Decena stated that he and detective Peter Camacho responded to Kagman on Tuesday at 2:43am, after receiving a report about a disturbing the peace incident.

As they entered the house, Decena said a man was yelling that he was going to kill someone for touching his daughter.

The father stated that his daughter woke him up and disclosed that Deleon Guerrero had touched her private parts.

The detectives learned that between 2007 and 2008, the suspect also sexually molested the girl while she was attending a rosary with her family.

Assistant public defender Richard Miller is counsel for Deleon Guerrero. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Public library to offer computer learning program

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Improve your computer skills this summer as Joeten-Kiyu Public Library brings to you its 2011 ITC Technology Summer Program.

Information Technology Center coordinator Roy D. Rechebei said the summer program involves three computer workshops underwritten by JKPL and the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library and State Technology Act's five-year grant.

Workshop 1 is the Office Suite Applications: Purpose and Proper Use, which will allow the participants to better understand the uses of Word Processing, Spreadsheet or Excel, and PowerPoint.

"This workshop is designed for users to also better their skills on the computer in an efficient manner," said Rechebei, adding that the workshop will detail each program in three-day sessions.

Workshop 2 is Integrating Files Within the Suite Applications, which will discuss how files between programs interact, the manner in which the files are used, and it will identify certain key problems that users encounter when moving files or combining specific parts of a file to another part.

"The workshop will simulate a mock office, and in how the files are used, shared, and potentially distributed," Rechebei said.

Workshop 3 is the File Management and Alternatives of Software, which involves the practice of knowing how and where to save the files and ensure that they are effectively organized and retrievable.

"This workshop will introduce different modes of practices in the office environment, and will discuss the methods in which files are handled on a server or hard drive," he explained.

Workshop 1 will run from June 29 to July 15. Workshop 2 is from July 20 to Aug. 5. Workshop 3 will run from Aug. 10 to Aug. 26. All workshop sessions are scheduled on Wednesdays to Fridays and the proposed fee is \$30 for each workshop per person.

Participants will be limited to just 10 per workshop. Registration starts today and will close on June 17.

Rechebei said interested library patrons should have library cards and must have at least some knowledge in basic computing, keyboarding, and mouse skills to participate in the workshops.

For more information, call Rechebei at 235-READ (7323) or 7315 or visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 10, 1999

Tinian mayor: No to casino

Tinian Mayor Francisco M. Borja has vowed to fight plans to establish a casino on Rota, but said he would vow to wishes of the residents of the island municipality if they approved the project. "Any form of gambling that is in competition with Tinian, we're always not in favor of that, but if the people of Rota decided to have it, we cannot stop them," Borja said in an interview. Last week Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona unveiled plans to establish the ambitious casino project in the island municipality, a proposal he planned to submit to residents in a balloting during the November midterm elections.

CIP Committee eyes 2 new high schools

Aside from considering budgetary savings and the opportunity to offer facilities for specialized education, the usual preference of young students to attend a new school would again pose over crowding problems. In a proposal to consider building two new high schools on Saipan, Public School System CIP Committee said the construction of one new high school will result in overcrowding, while leaving the Marianas High School under utilized. Based on the original PSS CIP plan, Saipan will build one new high school and a junior high school. In defending the proposal for two new high schools and convert MHS to a junior high school, the recommendation said all students would go to the older middle schools and will look forward to attending to the two new high schools.

June 10, 2002

Audit on cost-effectiveness of HPMR eyed

The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund is set to ask the Office of the Public Auditor to conduct an audit that would compare the expenditures of Group Health and Life Insurance before and after it hired a third-party administrator. The Fund's Board of Trustees voted during Friday's Board meeting to request the audit, amid criticisms and complaints from local health care providers over the Fund's decision to hire Hawaii Pacific Medical Referrals as third-party administrator for Group Health. Trustee Thomas Saures made the motion for the audit request. The Board agreed that the audit would initially cover on-island claims.

Fuel leak remediation at Saipan airport stopped

Remediation work of the jet fuel leak at the Saipan International Airport, which involved an estimated 6,000 gallons of petroleum threatening groundwater contamination, has been stopped sometime this year, even if just about 10 percent of the waste has been extracted so far. This prompted the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, which maintains water wells at the Isley and Obyan well fields, to express concern on the stoppage before the Division of Environmental Quality. The DEQ confirmed that there was indeed such stoppage of the remediation work, which was then being implemented through the soil vapor extraction method where the fuel's vapor is extracted from underground.

June 10, 2003

DLNR: Strip CRMO of some functions

Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Tom Pangelinan has asked Gov. Juan N. Babauta to strip the Coastal Resources Management Office of certain functions and the capability to represent the CNMI in obtaining federal coral reef initiative funding. Pangelinan requested this from the governor as he cited the need to eliminate duplication of governmental functions that lead to waste of resources. At the same time, Pangelinan also said his department is ready to legally challenge the Division of Environmental Quality, if it would cite the DLNR regarding the department's use of rotenone to collect fish specimens.

8 new fishes found in NMI

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources yesterday disclosed it has discovered eight fish species that has not been previously named by scientists anywhere in the world. The eight were among the 95 species of reef fish that were newly documented in a study conducted by the agency last month. This brings the total number of documented fish species in the CNMI to about 1,045. The DLNR estimates around 1,200 fish species on local waters. The study, conducted by the Division of Fish and Wildlife's biologists and scientists from the South African Institute of Aquatic Biodiversity and the University of Kansas Natural History Museum, resulted in the collection of 276 fish species from Saipan's waters using rotenone, a substance that poisons fish populations.

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This school year have taught us that no matter what we are faced with, what rules and policies are in place, the success of a child is dependent in our ability to teach our children. The school, the family and the community have all been integral to the education of our children.

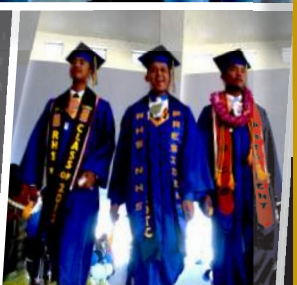
To the Graduating Class of 2011, we salute all of you for your sacrifice, commitment and conviction to persevere. As you strive to move forward, it is our hope and optimism that you share the wisdom of learning, as it is the hallmark of success.

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Obama should avoid too rapid a pullout from Afghanistan

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First-term U.S. presidents are, almost by definition, of two minds about most issues. One mind must focus on what's best for the country; one mind must consider how each decision might play in an eventual re-election campaign.

So as Barack Obama weighs advice on what to do about U.S. troop levels in Afghanistan, our hope is that he'll remember his own words from one year ago:

"We need to remember what this is all about. Our nation is at war. We face a very tough fight in Afghanistan. But Americans don't flinch in the face of difficult truths or difficult tasks. We persist, and we persevere. We will not tolerate a safe haven for terrorists who want to destroy Afghan security from within and launch attacks against innocent men, women and children in our country and around the world.

"So make no mistake: We have a clear goal. We are going to break the Taliban's momentum."

The occasion was Obama accepting Gen. Stanley McChrystal's resignation as U.S. commander in Afghanistan, over the Rolling Stone mess. Only months earlier, Obama had made the courageous—and politically dicey—decision to increase U.S. forces by 30,000 troops to the current 101,000, the most since the initial post-9/11 invasion.

Obama took longer than we might have liked to come to that conclusion, but once he did, he set the nation's course.

Now, the debate is how quickly to bring those troops home. Part of Obama's commitment was to begin withdrawing next month. Some of his advisers argue today for a steeper draw-down than the 3,000 to 5,000 troops anticipated just weeks ago.

Afghanistan operations cost the U.S. government roughly \$2 billion per week. Osama bin Laden is dead. Obama's liberal base has never been onboard with his surge. A growing majority of Americans are simply tired of a war now approaching its 10th year.

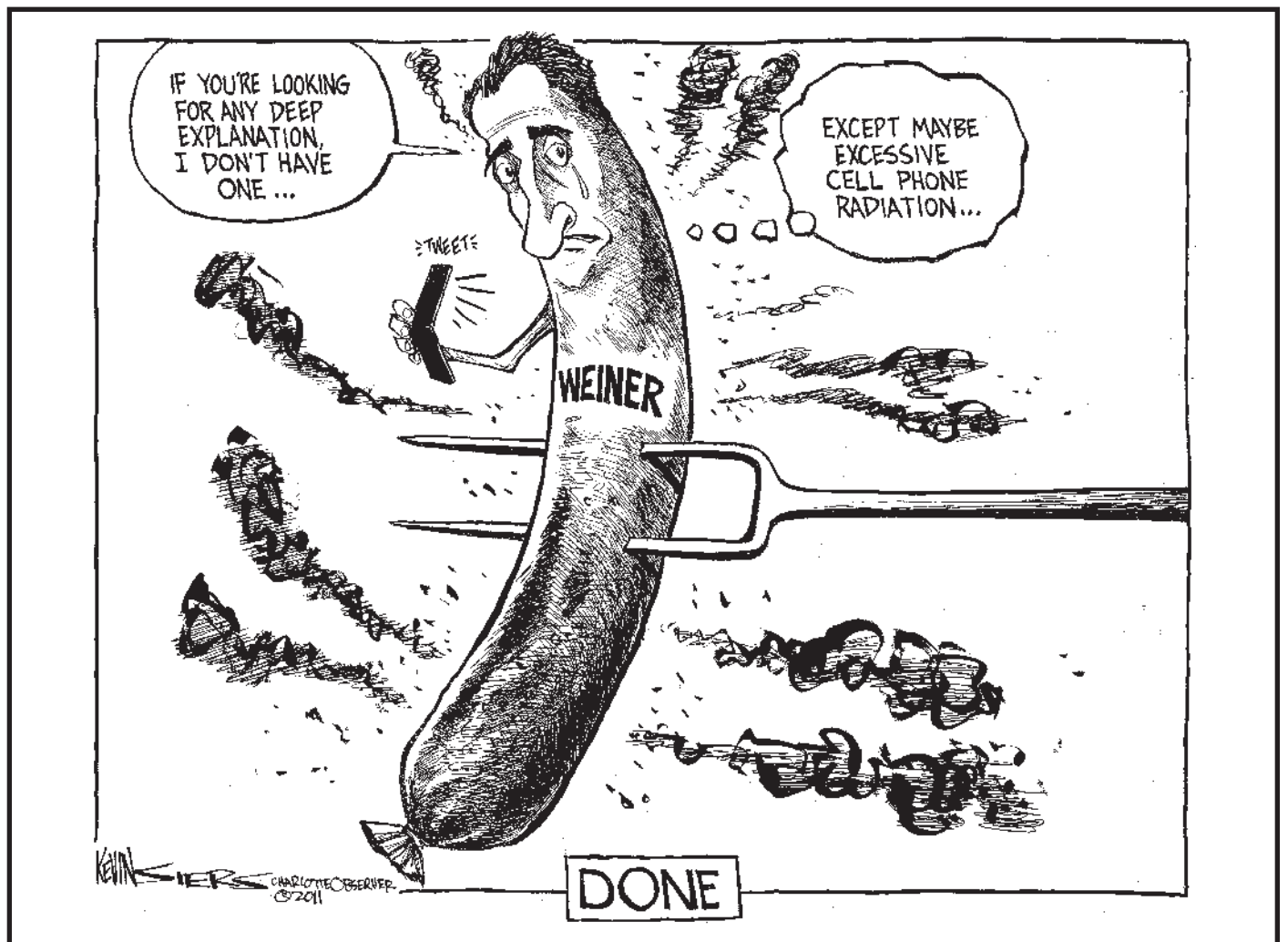
These are not inconsequential considerations, not if Obama expects to win a second term.

Yet we ask him to place special emphasis on the view of Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who retires at the end of this month. Obama inherited many problems, but one was not a reasonable, pragmatic defense secretary who understands the real-world effects of policy decisions.

Gates advises a "modest" drawdown, leaving combat units—the "shooters"—as long as possible. "We've got to keep the pressure on them," he told troops in Afghanistan on his farewell tour. "We're not quite there yet."

Other in-country commanders say the coalition has made tenuous gains in the last 18 months. Gen. David Petraeus, who replaced McChrystal after distinguished service in Iraq, has yet to recommend in specific, but we hope the president also gives his opinion considerable weight.

Eventually, negotiations with the opposition Taliban are inevitable. Obama's best move—and America's—is to launch those talks from a position of strength, not while backing out the door.



Na Li, ni ge Li Na

Ni ge (pronounced, ni ga) is not the N-word though it sounds that way. It means "your, or, you are," but functions in discourse like the ubiquitous juvenile "like" we hear in youthful celeb interviews, or, "uh-uh" of my stuttering generation.

After the 29-year-old Sino tennis player emerged from the top berth of French Open over the weekend, press coverage could not make up its mind on what to call the new champion, prompting TennisPanoramaNews' query: Na Li or Li Na?

The ambivalence on Na Li or Li Na at the websites of womenstennisnow.com and the WTA Players Info, for example, is indicative of a late realization that fitting the Chinese into an all-size-fits-all jacket in the calling of names no longer works. *Zhongguo ren* are called by their last names first, or to put it in the ways of the land of the two mighty Chang Jiang and Huang He rivers, the family name is the first name, period.

I stare at more than 200 faces every week of Chinese students at Shenyang Aerospace University, prodding them in the use of oral English, having been previously schooled in writing and reading but minimally on speaking. As has been the tradition in the past to make it easier on English teachers, each student chooses or is given an English name.

One of mine named himself "Poverty" and I asked him how he got the name. "This year, I do not have much money," he said, "so I call myself *Poverty* but next year, I will have more money so I will be called *Wealthy* then." Make sense. "Down" pronounces hers "Dawn" and her friend is "Virgina," which I tried to correct with "Virginia" but the girl insists on current one, and given the difficulty of the Chinese in pronouncing "r," I might be forgiven the double take each time she pronounces her name. After President Wen Jiabao announced in early March that China will send a man to the moon by 2030, one of my students named himself *Neil Armstrong*!

Almost to the end of the semester, I walked into class this week and executed my best 45-degree bow of humility and apology. I was unthinking in simply acceding to the practice of frivolous if not fake English names, and thanks to many of the male students who refuse to be called but by their Chinese names, my rude awakening was not as jolting. But it was the Western media's insistence that 'Li Na' be called 'Na Li' that triggered the final twist. My apologies for learning my students' English names rather than their *Zhongguo* ones was graciously received, and I am determined that should I return to teach another semester, I will no longer bother with the English names. "A rose is a rose by any other name" does not apply; the Chinese are proud of their family lineage.

I have Pinoy friends who were fortunate enough to have parents who named them in the Malayo-Polynesian qualities such as *Li-wayway* (dawn), *Matapang* (brave), *Luningning* (sparkle), but my name came from the Christian tradition of branding the faithful after saints, and mine was Saint James in Spanish, but the real Castilian

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is Santiago, which led our inquisitive mind to the pilgrim trail of *Camino de Santiago de Compostela*, and in tracing the route, stumbled on the little town of Vergara (Spanish for the French *Bergerac* from where long-nosed *Cyrano* was named) up the Basque country, between Bilbao and San Sebastian. The Spanish colonizers in the Philippines took the towns of Spain and named the *Indios* by them, as was the Iberian practice of being identified as coming from a certain place (compared to the Anglo-Saxon practice of naming one by their line of work, like *Farmer*, *Barber*, *Carpenter*, etc.)

Which brings us back to Li Na. Coming on the weekend and before the Dragon Boat holiday, China celebrated the first Asian to ascend to the grand slam tennis throne, and immediately, four towns claimed bragging rights to where she is from! (BTW, "China" was the name given by the Persians to the people of the Qin and got embedded into European terminology by the Silk Road, but the Chinese never call themselves by that name. In fact, if they have a name for themselves as a people, they are the Hans, but given the 10 percent non-Han ethnic make-up, *Zhongguo* as the "middle realm" is more behaviorally accurate by the tradition of the yin-yang and the practices of unity in diversity. If the United States sees itself as a federation of States with dysfunctional American Indian reservations as "nations," China sees itself as consisting of 56 nations, with some ethnic groups meriting their own functional autonomous regions, e.g., Neimonggu [Inner Mongolia] and Yanbian [Korea in China]).

Zhimu is James and *Wang* is the closest one can come to "V" in Vergara, so, for a while, I was *Wang Zhimu*, until one of the students noticed that I have pretensions at being a writer so he dubbed me, since I am listed in the SAU office as *Hemi*, *Hemingwei*! We are being playful, and with apologies to Ernest, but calling Li Na 'Na Li' is an affront to at least, 1.3 billion folks on the planet. PSS records have to contend with this dilemma since Qian Xinyi, Kim Nae Song, and Nakamura Keni-ichi all want to be called first by their family names. I think it is time to abandon our ethnocentric predisposition and acknowledge the right and privilege of folks to be called by the name they chose to be called.

Billie Jean King retired from competition at 32. Our lassie heading for Wimbledon is only three years short of that age in a bevy of athletes not yet 20. We wish her well to the center court. Thank you, Li Na!

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Sticking it to the oil man

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If you'd like to see the concept of "vertical," you don't need a geometry text. All you have to do is look at yesterday's oil prices. I'm eye-balling the graph right now. Yesterday's action saw oil move straight up, I'm talking T-square vertical, by about \$3 a barrel. Subsequent hours pulled the price down a little, but it was still up \$1.65 for the day, which was enough to keep it over the \$100 mark.

That vertical spike was spooky. Here's what happened: Just when oil markets finally seemed to be settling down a bit, the OPEC boyz held a powwow and decided to stick it to the Man.

But wait, they are the Man.

Why, yes. Yes, they are. So they decided to stick it to the chumps. Which is us.

What a way to cap a week, eh? On June 7 the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s increased rate schedule took effect, so at least

things are consistent.

Indeed, 2011 is shaping up to be a wallet-zapper. So I'm looking for silver linings. Why not?

For example, a freak-out about oil prices can really stir up the car market. If you're into cars (and I'm into cars, trucks, jets, helicopters, and, for that matter, anything else that moves and makes a lot of noise), market flux can spell some opportunities.

During the disco era, when everyone was shaking their booties, OPEC was rocking the Casbah and I was working at a gas station when a price-shock hit. There was a stampede for economy cars. I remember one lady asking our mechanic to help her find a small car right away; she was in a panic over gas prices.

"I want an economy car," she said, "and I don't care how much it costs."

That statement struck me as poetic paradox. Still does, actually. So it was clearly time to unload my economy car at the newly inflated value, which I did, and I scored a newly deflated full-sized Chevy as a result.

I loved that Chevy. My girlfriend loved that Chevy. My pals loved that Chevy. Their girlfriends loved that Chevy. So I'd hitch rides in my friends' cars small cars during the week, and on weekends we'd launch the Chevrolet which, when laden, had the same displacement as the USS *Nimitz*, and roughly the same turning radius, too. That Chevy was our flagship, a rolling tribute to atavistic defiance. And it was all made possible by high gas prices. Such are the joys of hedonic economics; it's totally counter-intuitive.

In fact, oddly enough, living in our own bubble as teenagers insulated us from the groupthink of the outside world. We didn't like high gas prices, but we didn't ride the anger bandwagon, either. We just did what we could afford to do, and we made the best of it. Which, as it turns out, was pretty darned good.

I don't know if that philosophy of life will win any intellectual awards. But I'm sticking with it.

Meanwhile, if we want to ponder things on a fancier level, here's more silver: Alternative energy. Whenever oil prices go bonkers, it's a tap on the shoulder. I used to work in the alternative energy industry, and I've seen some of that technology go from esoteric ideas, to drawing boards, to prototypes, to bankable projects. Some of this stuff is viable. Some of it isn't. Fortunes will be made by those who can discern the difference.

Rare earth metals are a good example of an opportunity. Slobs like me didn't give them any thought in the old days, they were mere byproducts of mining for other minerals. But now that wind turbine generators use them (in their magnets), some of these metals are a lot more valuable now. So you can connect the conceptual dots between high oil prices, on one hand, and higher rare-earth metal prices, on the other. That's just one example to hit my bigger point: The world is a vast web of these intriguing little relationships, and the wackier things get, the more opportunity there is lurking in the crevices.

So, while I'm not happy about high oil prices, I'm not going to get angry about them either. I'll just quietly go about my business.

Or maybe not so quietly. A devilish thought is flirting with me: I'd like to buy another flagship. They'll be cheap now, having, once again, fallen out of fashion. Ah, the mind wanders. Yes, the possibilities! I think I'd look good in a big Mercedes; something top-of-the-line with a high-revving short-stroke V-8 engine. A car like that just screams, "Mobil! Shell! Thirsty!" and everybody runs away in horror. These days, you can probably pick one up for about a dollar a pound.

Hey, thanks, OPEC. If living well is the best revenge, then it's a great way to stick it to the Man.

We're pretty darn broke

By **STANLEY MCGINNIS TORRES**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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With the loss of the garment industry and the flat tourism market of around 400,000 tourists a year bringing in less than we need, our islands need some new income. Not the same old money that is already here being recycled but some fresh new money.

In the absence of any better ideas that can start to produce cash within a few months the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation has a bill to allow restricted and controlled casino gaming right here on Saipan. We need cash for our "cash strapped" government and for our "cash strapped" businesses and hey, even for your "cash strapped" personal needs too. Most of the money that gets into your wallet is "made" by some local

business. That money circulates through the economy and taxes are paid on it and wages are paid out of it and local supplies and services are purchased out of it. Sooner or later the cash comes around to you.

Saipan is where the big airport is, where the big seaport is, and where there are already eight or 10 big resort hotels that can provide a place for casino gaming that can be enjoyed by our tourists. Saipan has the infrastructure, golf courses, roads, power, and labor base to support this new industry. Saipan is the obvious choice of location for this kind of business but entrenched self-interest groups and a few special-interest politicians have kept this vibrant and cash rich industry from opening here.

Public hearings have already begun about this new source of money and income for our islands. The always vocal few will attend and voice their sad, naysaying reasons "why-we-can't-do-it"—but we can do it and it can be a whole new form of income producing business for us. This can help get our sagging economy back on the right track again. You should attend and speak out if you can.

Yes, there are other ways to make money and get our islands back on a strong financial footing. So let's get those started right away too. Agriculture is often mentioned. This can bring in additional money if we export the products or can feed us here locally at less cost than imports. Can farming bring in as much money as casinos? Yes, if you turn most of the islands land into farms like they were in the '20, '30s and '40s. Who would complain about using all flatland for agriculture? Why, the same cyber rats and general

complainers who don't want us to benefit from casinos. Even so, let's begin to do all we can to foster income producing farming and aquaculture ventures.

Likewise educational tourism and geotourism and eco-tourism have all been mentioned and efforts to get all those profit cents going should commence right away too. Yes, even the maligned peanut butter and shoe factories should be looked at. Anything that will give us a new "job" should be examined and started if feasible. Yep, countries and states need jobs just like families do. No job equals broke and can't afford to buy or pay paychecks. No job equals no money for expenses and no future to look forward to.

Our islands are broke and it is up to us, and only us, to get the economy going again. A positive attitude, some attainable goals, and a plan to get us there will win. Sitting and griping and cyber raving all day will just get you more broke than you are today. Maybe that is what the cyber rats and naysayers really want. Maybe they want us to be broke so they can say "I told you so" or "I told you, you couldn't do it on your own" or "I told you that you needed us in order to live." Not so. We can do it and we should do it and we should start by attending the public hearings and speaking out about how our islands need a new industry and new income like we need the breath of life.

We can start right away and be earning income from our new "job," the casino gaming industry, within just a few months. We just need to get off our collective butts and do it.

As someone once said, "I've been rich, and I've been poor. Rich is better."

Letters to the Editor

The CNMI's dropouts and homeless: Protest

The title of this letter speaks volumes of the condition that many youth from the CNMI are facing in the mainland due to the delay in the CNMI and SHEFFA scholarships. We ask these kids to go off to school and to come back and contribute. We also let them know that our government will support them financially through scholarships. Well, there are students facing the reality of dropping out of school and losing the roof over their heads because their scholarship checks never came—checks that were due in January and its now June and school is out. Now there are some who are even contemplating coming home and giving up because they can't even think about attending school next year without their scholarship. The government is destroying our future and their hopes and dreams for a

chance to be a professionals in the CNMI.

Our government has literally put these students in harm's way by not sending the checks in a timely fashion. There is also the real concern that certain students were "handpicked" to get their scholarship checks—so who really decided on the distribution of the checks because there seems to be no real guidelines for prioritizing the disbursements of the checks? Why weren't the off-island students prioritized and taken care of first? The headlines in the news proved that I'm not alone and that many parents are very upset at our government for putting our children on the spot, especially those so far away from home in the mainland. If these kids are truly our future, we should be doing everything we promised them in a timely fashion. They should not have to worry about where they are going to live and how to afford school but concentrating on their schoolwork.

The governor and his administration had better do something quick, fast, and in a hurry or I will be the first to start picketing the Governor's Office for my children and I'm sure I won't be alone. If these checks are not release by Friday the 17th of this month, I am

calling on all parents to meet me in front of the Governor's Office on the 20th at 8am to protest the delay in disbursing the CNMI and SHEFFA scholarships. It looks like we must force our government to live up to its promise to our kids. If you are truly a parent who is concerned about your child, you will be there. Nothing should stand in your way to help your child who is truly part of the future of the CNMI. It is downright wrong and even ugly to treat our youth this way when we know how much they are depending on us and how much we are depending on them for the future.






P.S.: My daughter has been asked to represent the CNMI in Samoa. The association is purchasing the plane ticket, which I truly appreciate, but they are very short on funds and there isn't a dime for her spending money. So if anyone is willing to help Yvonne represent the CNMI, please contact me or this newspaper for your donation. Parents are picking up the governments slack at every turn and I have had enough!

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 87° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 82
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 83 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 75
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 78

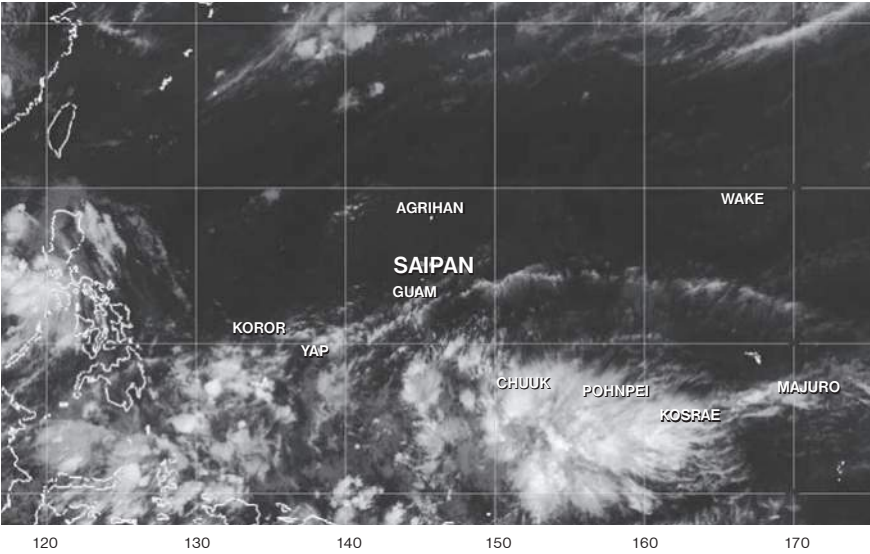
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 62 ▼ 57
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 66
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 75
London	Showers	▲ 62 ▼ 48
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 57 ▼ 44
Miami	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 76
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 66
Osaka	Showers	▲ 74 ▼ 70
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲ 68 ▼ 45
Pusan	Showers	▲ 73 ▼ 65
Rome	Showers	▲ 79 ▼ 61
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 50
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 54
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 80 ▼ 65
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 76 ▼ 68
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 92 ▼ 71

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
2:06 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet	
8:58 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet	
2:40 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet	
8:22 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low is centered northwest of Guam at 15N142E. Isolated thunderstorms are present near the low from west of Rota to Anatahan within 45 miles of a line from 14N143E to 16N142E to 17N146E. A near-equatorial trough extends southeastward from 7N130E to a weak circulation centered south of Koror at 3N136E to end at EQ139E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring near the trough over Koror but just south of Yap between 4N and 9N from 131E to 144E and also near the equator within 80 miles of a line from 2N130E to 2N136E. A surface trough runs northeastward from 2N146E to 9N149E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with this feature are found over Chuuk between 1N and 8N from 146E to 152E. Trade-wind convergence is coupling with divergent upper-level winds to produce numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms just south of Pohnpei and Kosrae or south of a line from 7N153E to 6N161E to 3N165E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:14 PM	12:37 AM
Saturday	2:12 PM	1:21 AM
Sunday	3:12 PM	2:08 AM
Monday	4:13 PM	2:58 AM
Tuesday	5:16 PM	3:52 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6	MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
			3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6				via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
				OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
				OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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NMI's once-youngest nurse aide began career at 13 years old

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), third from right, leads senators in presenting a Senate commemorative resolution to Crisencia Maratita Songao Burch, center, for her 26 years of service as a nurse, a career which started when she was only 13 and worked at the 22-bed Rota Hospital. She was joined at the Senate by her husband, James Gregory Burch, third from left, a retired major in the U.S. Air Force and now a consultant for the U.S. Department of Defense.

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 REPORTER

Crisencia Maratita Songao Burch, who became the first registered nurse from Rota, actually started out as a nurse aide in October 1956 at the tender age of 13. That was soon after she finished 6th grade, the highest level of education available on Rota at the time.

"A doctor who defected from Czechoslovakia named Dr. Melnikoff hired me to work at the 22-bed Rota Hospital. I was only 13 years old when I started working as a nurse aid," Burch said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Burch, who now lives in Virginia, visited the CNMI for a month with her husband, James Gregory Burch, a retired major in the U.S. Air Force and now a consultant for the U.S. Department of Defense.

Hours before going back to Virginia on Tuesday, the Senate surprised her with a commemorative resolution honoring her 26 years of "diligent work and service as a nurse" to Rota and the CNMI.

Senate Commemorative Resolution 17-7, authored by Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), also honored Burch on her 30 years of retirement.

Burch, who has maintained her nursing license since retiring in 1981, is currently licensed to practice nursing in Virginia and other states. She is a member of the Fairfax Virginian Emergency Nursing Corps. She retired as a registered nurse in 1981, and left for Florida to be with her husband.

"I may be out of the CNMI for years but my heart will always be with Rota and the CNMI," the mother of six said. Of her six children, two are in the field of healthcare.

Her love for helping others motivated her to take night classes at the Rota Convent even while she was already working at the Rota Hospital in 1956.

"I kept on learning. I was hungry to learn and I read every book I could find—English books, nursing books," she said in an interview in the Senate chamber on Tuesday.

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) said that Burch worked as if she was a physician, not just a nurse or a nurse aide at the time.

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NMPASI settles lawsuit vs DPH official, staff

The Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc.'s lawsuit against Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin P. Villagomez and the Commonwealth Health Center's medical records technician, Melissa Sablan, has been settled.

Jeanne H. Rayphand, attorney for NMPASI, notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI

yesterday that the lawsuit has been settled and that NMPASI is dismissing the lawsuit.

Settlement terms were not disclosed.

NMPASI sued Villagomez and Sablan in January 2011 for their alleged refusal to give NMPASI access to the records of a patient with mental illness.

According to the complaint,

NMPASI had determined—as a result of monitoring and other activities—that there is probable cause to believe that the patient has been subject to abuse and neglect.

Rayphand stated in the complaint that the refusal to give NMPASI access to the records violates a Dec. 14, 2001, federal court order. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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“There was nobody else there. And that enabled her to be a nurse and a doctor,” Reyes said.

Three years later, in 1959, Burch began teaching the necessary skills, knowledge, and information in the nursing field to other newly hired nurse aides.

While Burch already established her career in the field of

nursing, she pursued formal and advanced nursing education by attending the Trust Territory School of Nursing in Palau in 1961. After graduating, she worked at the Dr. McDonald Hospital in Palau. She returned to Rota as head nurse in 1962.

She went on to attend several courses in nursing and medicine to further hone her skills and knowledge. She passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurse in July 1981.

From 1972 to 1976, Burch also became the first woman elected as a member of the Rota Municipal Council. She retired as a nurse in October 1981.

“Throughout her many years of service, Ms. Burch has served the people of Rota and the CNMI with enthusiasm, love, loyalty, fairness, and dedication,” reads the Senate resolution, a framed copy of which was presented to Burch on Tuesday in the Senate chamber on Capital Hill.

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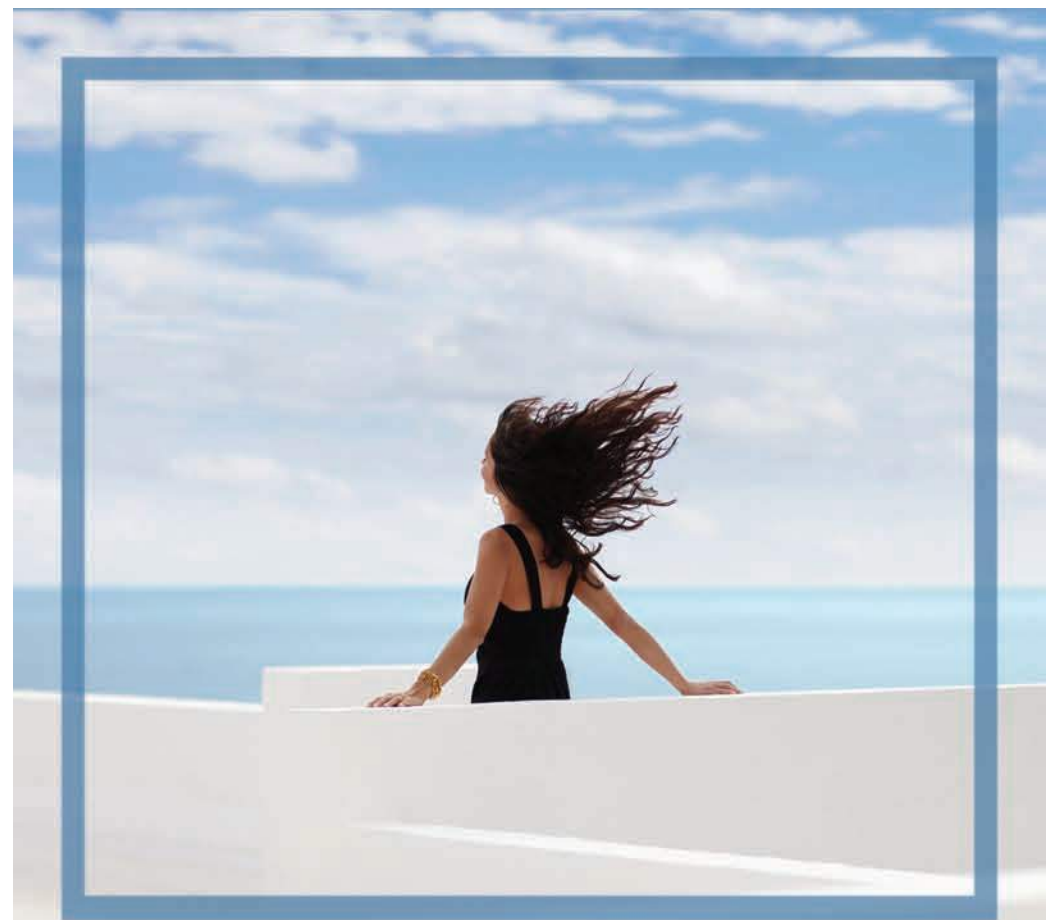
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CK Diocese to start using 3rd edition of Roman Missal

A new ritual text containing prayers and instructions for celebration of the Mass will go into effect on the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, and the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa is all set to welcome and implement this 3rd Edition of the New Roman Missal.

The Mass will remain the same in its ritual form, but some words used at prayer will be different. This will be throughout the parishes of the Diocese.

"The people of the Diocese are encouraged to use this opportunity to focus on the importance of the liturgy, as well as the history and rationale behind the new translation of the Roman Missal, which goes into effect on Nov. 27, 2011, the first Sunday of Advent," said Fr. Isaac Ayuyu, director of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa's Liturgical Worship.

"On this day, the new edition of the Missal will be used in its entirety for the prayers of the Mass throughout the Diocese and the English speaking world," Ayuyu added.

In echoing the Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacrament, which approved the 3rd Edition of the New Roman Missal, the Liturgical Worship Office said the effectivity—or implementation of the new spoken

prayers—will be a "time of some challenge for both priests and the people as we learn new words, new ways in praying the Mass as we offer our praise and thanks to God for the gift of the presence of Jesus whom we encounter and receive in the Mass."

The Liturgical Worship Office noted that the Mass itself is not changing. Only the English and the Chamorro translation of the words used will be changing.



Ayuyu

"The New Roman Missal is a more literal translation of the Latin and should help all English-speaking as well as Chamorro and Carolinian Catholics continue to learn how to pray liturgically in our language. It is not just about new texts, new prayers, and new rules. It is about our ongoing growth in faith, and the ongoing deepening of our understanding of what we are called to be. It is my hope and prayer that the people of the Diocese will be receptive to the new translation and look forward to furthering the renewal of the celebration of the Liturgy in their parishes as the new text is

introduced," said Ayuyu.

Call to attend workshops

As part of laying the groundwork for the implementation of the new Roman Missal, the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa will be conducting workshops for the community's transition to the latest Roman Missal version.

The first series of workshops will begin on the July 17 Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, at 7 pm at the Cathedral.

"It is my hope that the new Missal will serve to further deepen the bond of unity that we share, and that its implementation will be an occasion for a renewal of our liturgical life. We have been given a golden opportunity, and it would be a tragedy to squander it," said Ayuyu.

The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa is also encouraging the faithful to direct inquiries and other matters relating to the new missal to the Office of Liturgical Worship or call Ayuyu at 234-3000 or 483-4543.

As the community of faith begins a new stage in this exciting and promising time of the Catholic faith, "let us keep one another in prayer," the liturgical worship office added. (*Diocese of Chalan Kanoa*)

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POST OFFICE

Bearden, Lacorte are SDA School's top graduates

Hatsuko Bearden and Jirene Lacorte were both named the most outstanding students of Seventh-Day Adventist School during commencement exercises Tuesday night on campus.

SDA School principal Michael R. Berglund promoted this year 11 eighth graders to high school.

Bearden is the daughter of Brian and Clarissa Bearden. She is this school year's valedictorian and recipient of the Principal's Award. She was also recognized for her participation in the school's student council body where she is the vice president.

"I was surprised and I didn't



HATSUKO BEARDEN
Valedictorian

expect it! I only learned of the honor during the ceremonies and it feels great. I am very happy and proud of what I have achieved," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

The 14-year-old dedicated



JIRENE LACORTE
Salutatorian

her awards to her 68-year-old grandmother Carmen Tanaka.

Bearden plans to pursue high school at either the Saipan Southern High School or Calvary Christian Academy. She dreams of becoming

a surgeon.

This year's class salutatorian is Lacorte, the daughter of Ernie and Jho Lacorte. The 13-year-old will continue her studies at Calvary Christian Academy next school year.

Lacorte was also named the most valuable player for the school's volleyball team and was recognized for her participation in the student body organization as the group's secretary.

Like Bearden, Lacorte said the honor was unexpected. "I feel proud of myself and I am so happy," she said. Lacorte wants to become a pediatrician someday.

The eight graders who were

promoted to high school are Bearden, Lacorte, Je Jung Denise Kim, Jong Woo Kim, Su

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By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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Department of Community & Cultural Affairs Division of Historic Preservation



PUBLIC NOTICE

Historic Preservation Fund Grant Proposed Work Goals for FY 2011

The Division of Historic Preservation (HPO) under the auspices of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, anticipates the receipt of approximately \$409,791 from the U.S. National Park Service for Fiscal Year 2011. This funding is provided to support the Commonwealth's Historic Preservation program and related community activities.

Prior to the submission of the grant application, the Division of Historic Preservation Office would like to solicit the community's input or comments on what priorities, concerns, projects, and activities it would like to undertake relating to Historic Preservation.

We need your comments particularly on such aspects as:

- 1). What do you think we should be focusing more of this year?
- 2). What particular community projects do you believe is important that we should try to fund?
- 3). What topics should we focus when publishing our ethnographic or archaeological books?
- 4). What particular areas do you want our office to concentrate on surveying or in the identification of cultural materials?
- 5). What aspects of the program do you think we should strengthen?

The following are examples of work goals that are proposed for FY 2011. We would like to know what you think about them.

- Conducting a more intensive survey on Carolinas area on Tinian
- Reprinting all HPO's archaeological and ethnographic collection
- Implementing and maintaining its Geographic Information System
- Nominating significant sites to the National Register of Historic Places
- Provide a symposium on historic preservation policies and identification of cultural materials
- Educate the CNMI's children about historic preservation through school visits, lectures and field trip
- Partner with MARC on exploration of Northern Islands surveys

Interested individuals are invited to submit their comments to the HPO in writing no later than June 30, 2011. Written comments should be address to Melvin L. O. Faisao, CNMI State Historic Preservation Officer, Dept. of Community and Cultural Affairs, P. O. Box 500090 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. It may also be faxed to our office at 664-2139 or sent through e-mail to mlof65@gmail.com or mtkani@cnmihpo.net. Please visit our office located on Airport Road, between the former MVA Office and the LSG Building should you have any questions.

In addition to submitted written comments, our office would also like to undertake a formal public hearing to listen to your concerns and ideas about the historic preservation grant and possible projects or activities. The following is a schedule in this effect:

ISLAND	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Rota	Round House	June 7, 2011	6 - 8 p.m.
Tinian	Mayor's Conference Room	June 14, 2011	6 - 8 p.m.
Saipan	Multipurpose	June 15, 2011	6 - 8 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to hearing your comments and ideas. Your input and participation is extremely valuable.

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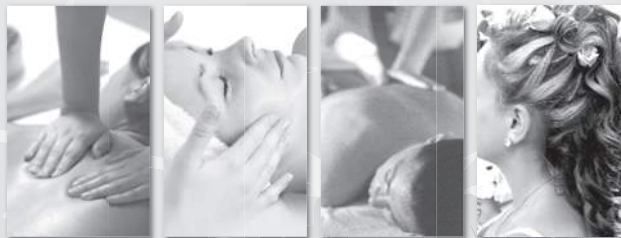
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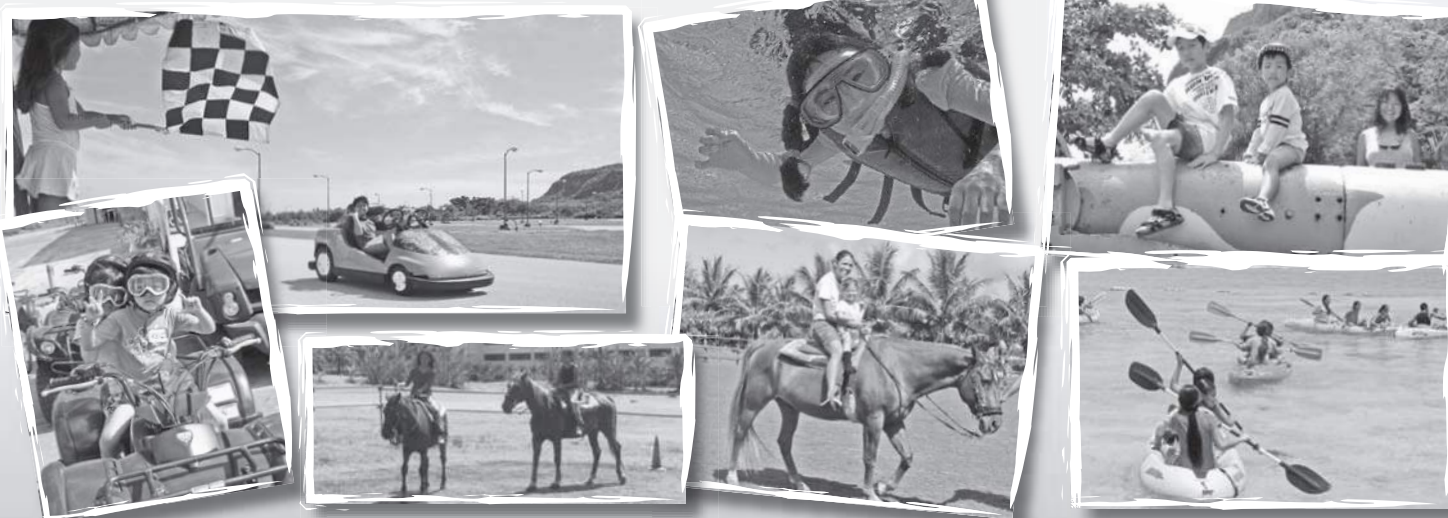
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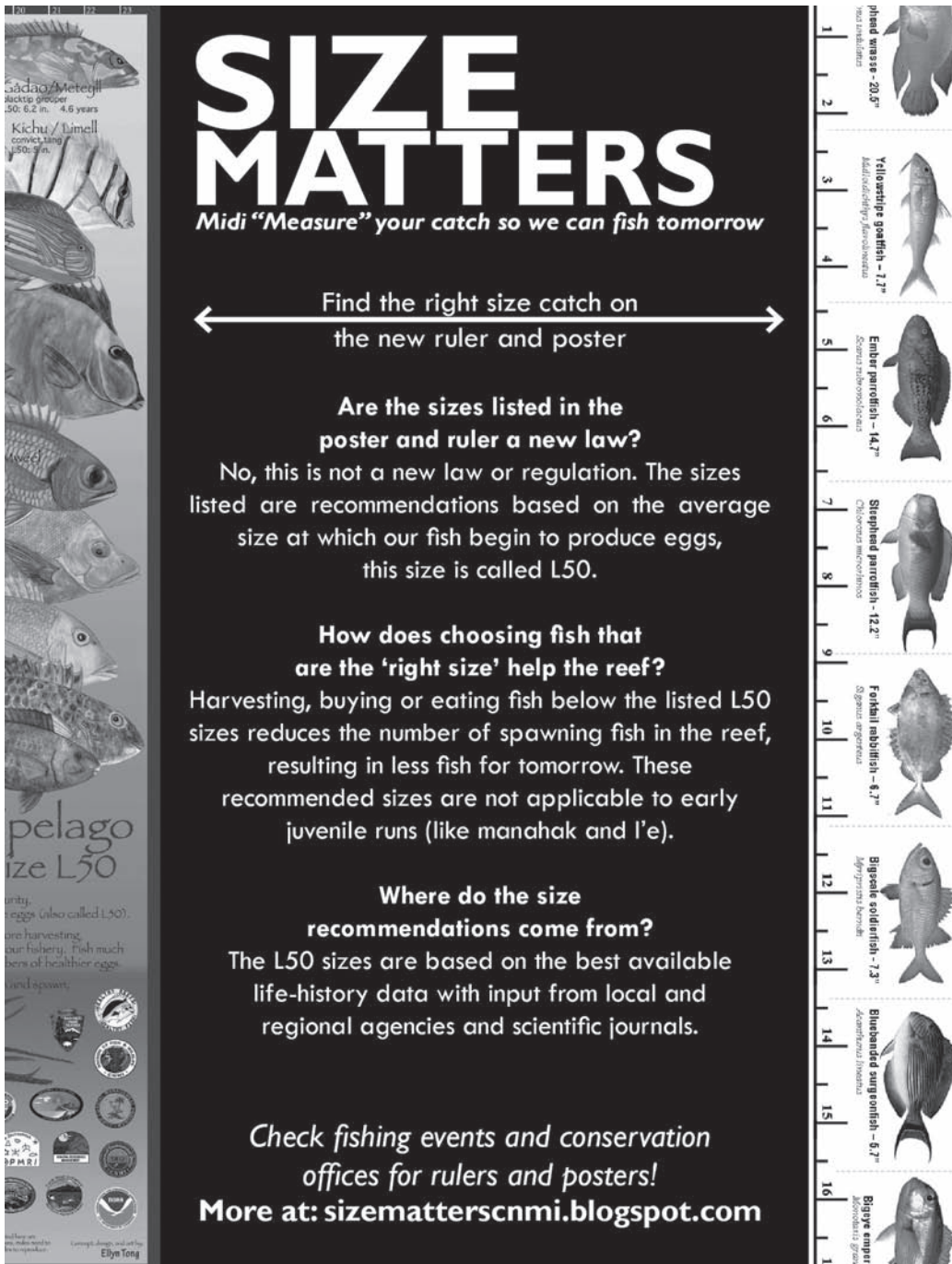
Two Weeks: \$ 195.00

(Lunch - \$5.00 per day or bring your own.)

Camp Activities Include: Swimming Lessons, Go Karts, Kayaking, Snorkeling, Volleyball, Mountain Biking, Movie Making, Horseback Riding, Ocean Safety, Golf, Field Trips, Arts and Crafts, and more!

**For more information, please call
Marianas Trekking at 323-8735.**





SIZE MATTERS

Midi "Measure" your catch so we can fish tomorrow

Find the right size catch on the new ruler and poster

Are the sizes listed in the poster and ruler a new law?

No, this is not a new law or regulation. The sizes listed are recommendations based on the average size at which our fish begin to produce eggs, this size is called L50.

How does choosing fish that are the 'right size' help the reef?

Harvesting, buying or eating fish below the listed L50 sizes reduces the number of spawning fish in the reef, resulting in less fish for tomorrow. These recommended sizes are not applicable to early juvenile runs (like manahak and l'e).

Where do the size recommendations come from?

The L50 sizes are based on the best available life-history data with input from local and regional agencies and scientific journals.

Check fishing events and conservation offices for rulers and posters!

More at: sizematterscnmi.blogspot.com

Adapted from the work of the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Photo by Elyse Tong.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free Dental Care Day on Sunday

The SDA Dental Clinic will be hosting a free Dental Clinic Day on Sunday June 12, 2011, from 8am to 1pm. The clinic will be offering free dental care for people who do not have any type of insurance. If you or your child has Medicaid, we will be happy to make an appointment but will not be able to provide dental care for you on that day. (SDA)

Horse-riding lessons on Saturday

Do you have a child or grandchild 1 year to 7 years old? Would you like to make him or her experience riding a horse? Come this Saturday, June 11, 2011, to the Saipan Chamorro-Carolinian Village Cultural Centers headquarters on Capital Hill, next to the CNMI Board of Parole Office and across from the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency. Classes start at 9am and end around noon. Other activities this Saturday include banana print and mwar making.

Classes are offered for free to Chamorros and Carolinians by the Inetnon Amot yan Kutturan Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Kkoor Aramasal Faluw, in partnership with the Indigenous Affairs Office, and made possible in part by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans. For questions, call 322-0278. (PR)

Veteran sets book signing at AMP

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Rick Spooner will be signing his book, *The Spirit of Semper Fidelis: Reflections From the Bottom of an Old Canteen Cup*, on July 2, 2011, from 2pm to 4pm at the American Memorial Park's Visitor Center.

Spooner is returning to Saipan for the first time since 1944. As a Marine, Spooner served on land, sea and in the air. He enlisted in the Marine Corps as a private during World War II. He also served briefly with the 1st, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions.

He was a staff NCO during the Korean War and he taught infantry tactics at Camp Pendleton prior to going to Korea with the air wing.

In 1966 he served in Vietnam in the Provost Marshal Division of MACV and as an advisor

to the Vietnamese National Police. (PR)

Special guests lined up for Marianas Agupa

This Saturday, June 11, 2011, Marianas Agupa will feature Florine Hofschneider, who will talk about PIBBA from 10am to 10:10am. Also, John S. Del Rosario will be featured between 10:15am to 10:30am to talk about Article 12 and the importance of lifting the restriction on land alienation. The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM.

The Chamorro Talk Show Program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Featured reports are as follows: World report and program review by former mayor Joseph S. Inos followed by special report "In the Spotlight" with Rose Ada-Hocog, a report from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola, and a report from Tinian by former senator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. (PR)

Final MHS Class of 1991 reunion meeting today

The Marianas High School Class of 1991 will be having its final meeting for its 20th reunion today, at the 13 Fishermen's Pavilion (2nd Pavilion) on Beach Road at 6pm. Final collection of the \$22 banquet fee will be done at the meeting. It will also be the final day for payment for T-shirt orders (small-XL: \$9 or XXL \$9.50). (PR)

Security orientation

The 3S Saipan Security Service will be hosting a security guard orientation for their current staff at the American Memorial Park, Visitor Center Theatre on June 18. It will run three hours from 8am to 11am. Anyone from the community that is interested in becoming a security guard is welcome to attend the orientation. Subjects that will be covered are customer service, report writing, proper communication and other items. 3S is a sister organization of Saipan City Taxi Association. (PR)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-11-036

GASIFICATION OR WASTE TO ENERGY GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced Independent Power Producers (IPP), to supply electrical energy or synthetic diesel - produced from commercially proven Waste to Energy (WTE) or Gasification systems, for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one respondent to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install Gasification or Waste to Energy generation facilities that best fit the CUC's requirements. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) will be the feedstock.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, securing sites, all permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully operational Gasification or Waste to Energy Generating Facilities. Selected IPP(s) will be responsible for operating and maintaining all facets of the Generating Facility (ies) and for generating the required output as described in the Request for Proposal.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **June 21, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-11-036**" **Gasification or Waste to Energy Generation**" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **August 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Late submissions will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **July 19, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-11-039

PETROLEUM PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Closing Date: 06/16/2011, 10:00 AM (ChST)

Please register for the complete Scope-of-work and Project details at CUC website: <http://cuccnmi.net> **PROJECT COMMENCES IN JUNE, 2011.**

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
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REVISED PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

This notice is to inform the public of a planned/potential reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the projects listed below in the order of the least to the most progressive and ready project in an effort to meet CDBG timeliness requirements. The NMHC plans to utilize CDBG funds for the acquisition of land/property potentially located in Saipan, Tinian, or Rota for CDBG eligible purposes.

From the Least to the Most Progressive Project	Program Year	Activity Name	Activity Type	Reprogram From (Amount)
A.	2009	Marpo Heights Basketball Court	Public Facilities	\$ 150,000.00
B.	2009	Carolinas Heights Basketball Court	Public Facilities	\$ 150,000.00
C.	2008/2009	Purchase of Life Saving and Fire Protection Equipment	Fire Station/Equipment	\$ 222,685.00
D.	2008/2009	Rehabilitation of (5) Fire Stations on Saipan and (1) Fire Station on Rota	Public Facilities	\$ 823,090.00
E.	2008/2009	Purchase of (2) Ambulances for the Saipan Fire Station	Public Services	\$ 206,000.00
F.	2010	A&E Design of the Tinian Fire Station	Public Facilities	\$ 150,000.00

The public is invited to provide written and oral comments on the proposed reprogramming. Written comments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., July 4, 2011 at the main office in Garapan, Post Office Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950. Oral comments may be relayed to Jeannie P. Mafnas at telephone number (670) 234-7670, 6866, 7689, or 9447. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to submit comments may also contact Jeannie P. Mafnas at the telephone numbers above for assistance.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Chairwoman

"NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing public agency"

Red flags for 9 Saipan, 2 Tinian beaches

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged nine beach sites on Saipan and two beaches on Tinian and is advising the public not to fish or

swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected sites on Saipan are beaches along The Palm

Resort, Plumeria Hotel, DPW channel bridge, Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach drainage, San Jose Beach, Civic Center Beach, Saipan Grand Hotel, and

CK Dist. 4's Lally Beach.

On Tinian, the affected sites are the Unai Chulu and Tachogna Beach.

DEQ said that samples col-

lected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan coast on Wednesday. On Tinian, samples were taken from 10 marine recreational and storm drainage sites. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy 3rd birthday to Baby Jacq Torres, who is celebrating her special day today, June 10, 2011! We love you sister! Greetings come from Ralphy, Vaniqua, and Deon Titus.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday to our princess, Chronie Tudela Tomokane! We love you Nonie girl! Greetings come from Grandma Lola, Grandpa Eb, and Esah in Germany.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday greetings go out to Rose S. Dueñas! Greetings come from your Jhems staff.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 11th birthday to Tiana Kaei DL. Guerrero! We love you so much! God bless you and may all your greatest wishes come true. Greetings come from Kyle and Kevin.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday greetings go out to Vanessa L. Malitha, who is celebrating her special day today, June 10, 2011! Wishing you many more birthdays to come! Greetings come from your husband, son, mom, brothers, and sister.

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National Enforcement Mobilization

May 23 thru June 5, 2011

CLICK IT OR TICKET!

Seat belts save over 13,000 lives every year. One of them could be yours...

Top 5 things you should know about buckling up



BUCKLING UP IS THE SINGLE MOST EFFECTIVE THING YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF IN A CRASH.

In 2008, seat belts saved more than 13,000 lives nationwide. From 2004 to 2008, seat belts saved over 75,000 lives — enough people to fill a large sports arena. During a crash, being buckled up helps keep you safe and secure inside your vehicle, whereas being completely thrown out of a vehicle is almost always deadly. Being buckled-up is the best defense against impaired, aggressive, and distracted drivers.



AIR BAGS ARE DESIGNED TO WORK WITH SEAT BELTS, NOT REPLACE THEM.

In fact, if you don't wear your seat belt, you could be thrown into a rapidly opening frontal air bag; a movement of such force could injure or even kill you. See www.safecar.gov for more information on air bag safety.



HOW TO BUCKLE UP SAFELY:

The lap belt and shoulder belt are secured across the pelvis and rib cage, which are more able to withstand crash forces.



FIT MATTERS.

- Before you buy a new car, check to see that its seat belts are fit for you.
- Ask your dealer about seat belt adjusters, which can help you get the best fit.
- If you need a roomier belt, contact your vehicle manufacturer to obtain seat belt extenders.
- If you drive an older or classic car with lap belts only, check with your vehicle manufacturer about how to retrofit your car with today's safe lap/shoulder belts.



OCCUPANT PROTECTION IS FOR EVERYONE.

Visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Website at www.nhtsa.gov and click on 4 Steps for Kids to find out how to secure your littlest passengers.

If you're expecting a little one, check out NHTSA's "Should pregnant women wear seat belts?" brochure online to learn how important it is for you — and your unborn child — to buckle up the right way every trip, every time.

NEED MORE HELP?

Contact us: For more information about seat belts, child safety seats, air bags, and adapting motor vehicles for drivers with special needs, call the DPS Traffic Division at 664-9085 or Highway Safety Office at 664-9121 to 9125.

Remember: For your safety and for the safety of all vehicle passengers, seat belt use for adults is required by law in all States in the United States and on all Federal lands.



HIMAWARI

DELI, BAKERY & RESTAURANT
(JAPANESE FOOD & GROCERY)

EXPANSION & 5TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY Special Sale!

June 9, 10 & 11, 2011
(Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

**For every \$20.00 worth of purchase
in store or in restaurant**

(purchase of cigarette and telephone card
are not included)

You will be able to receive:

- \$2.00 worth of Gift Certificate
- A raffle ticket

The gift certificate is valid
from June 12 to July 12, 2011

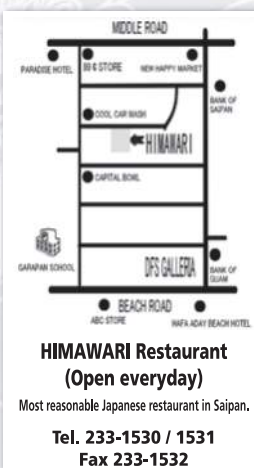
For the raffle you will have a
chance to win special
Gift Prizes!

\$50.00 worth of Gift Certificate,
Shampoo, Conditioner,
Rice and a lot more

No blank tickets.

Raffle draw will be on

June 19, 2011 (Sunday)



HIMAWARI Restaurant
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Most reasonable Japanese restaurant in Saipan.

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Fax 233-1532

Business

Delta charges returning soldiers for extra bags

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. soldiers returning from Afghanistan posted a YouTube video complaining that they had to pay Delta Air Lines \$2,800 out of pocket to check extra bags, prompting an onslaught of on-line comments critical of Delta and at least one boycott effort.

The video went online late Tuesday. By Wednesday afternoon—nearly 200,000 views

later—Delta had posted a blog message saying it had revised its bag fee policy for troops. The airline had been allowing troops traveling coach class three free bags, but was imposing a \$200 fee on a fourth bag. Now Delta—in a statement attributed to an anonymous customer representative—says fourth bags will be free.

In the video, entitled “Delta

airlines welcomes Soldiers home,” two soldiers who identified themselves as staff sergeants said their Army orders authorized them to bring up to four bags with them. After an 18-hour layover, they said they learned of the bag fees when they checked in at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport Tuesday for a 7:15 a.m. flight

to Atlanta.

One sergeant said his fourth bag was a weapons case containing an M4 carbine rifle, a grenade launcher and a 9 millimeter pistol that he had used in Afghanistan. The grenade launcher attaches to the rifle.

It’s not unusual for returning soldiers to check weapons when flying on a commercial airline if the weapons have

been certified as unloaded, said Joe Davis, a spokesman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars’ Washington office.

“A \$200 bill for extra baggage by a government-contracted airline is the worst welcome home any soldier could receive,” Davis said. “We know this is a business issue and that the troops will be reimbursed if they are au-

OPEC leaves output on hold, causing oil price to jump

VIENNA (AP)—OPEC unexpectedly left its production levels unchanged Wednesday, causing oil prices to jump, as senior officials said their meeting ended in disarray—a stunning admission for an organization that places a premium on consensus decision making.

OPEC officials said that because of a policy deadlock, the group will maintain present output ceilings with the option of meeting within the next three months to consider a hike.

“We are unable to reach consensus to ... raise our production,” OPEC Secretary General Abdullah Al-Badri told reporters, in comments reflecting unusual tensions in the 12-nation Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Saudi oil minister Ali Naimi called it “one of the worst meetings, we’ve ever had,” while analysts covering OPEC for more than 20 years said they could not remember any other time that the normally closed group had admitted to such divisions in its ranks.

Some even saw the abortive

meeting as a harbinger of demise for the organization, which produces more than a third of the world’s petroleum.

“OPEC is ... on the point of break-up,” said Marc Ostwald of Monument Securities. “A broader perspective is that the post World War II world order is fracturing in a spectacular fashion, be it the EU/Eurozone, the World Bank/IMF, (or) OPEC.”

Other experts were less outspoken but agreed Wednesday’s outcome would weaken the image of OPEC as a major regulator of oil markets.

“I think there were some tensions,” said Jason Schenker, president of Prestige Economics. “But everyone has to do business and countries have different views on what the future of demand looks like.”

The news caught markets by surprise, sending oil prices sharply higher. Benchmark crude for July delivery was up \$1.25 to \$100.34 per barrel in morning trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange after trading lower ahead of the OPEC meeting.

thorized additional baggage in their orders, but the shock of even being charged is enough to make most servicemen and women simply shake their heads and wonder who or what it is they are protecting.”

Army officials said Wednesday they were trying to identify the soldiers in the video and their unit. One sergeant in the video said the unit was returning from Afghanistan to Fort Polk in Louisiana.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Germany calls for Greek bond swap to gain time

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Germany’s finance minister says private creditors must share the burden of any more financial help for Greece as part of a deal to prevent it from defaulting on its debts. In a letter to top officials dealing with the debt crisis and obtained by The Associated Press Wednesday, Wolfgang Schaeuble proposed a swap that would extend debt repayments by seven years and give Athens more time to reform its economy. Such a move has previously been strongly opposed by the European Central Bank on the grounds it could spread turmoil through the continent’s financial system, while ratings agencies have warned it could be considered a default.

Japan GDP shrank a shade less than first thought

TOKYO (AP)—Japan’s economic contraction in the first quarter that stemmed from the March earthquake and tsunami was slightly milder than first estimated, the government said Thursday. Real gross domestic product shrank at an annualized rate of 3.5 percent in the January-March period, compared with 3.7 percent in the Cabinet Office’s preliminary report last month. The smaller contraction doesn’t change the fact that the world’s No. 3 economy fell back into recession in the January-March quarter. The reading marks the second straight quarter that GDP—a measure of the value of all goods and services produced domestically—retreated.

IRS removes tax-exempt status of 275,000 groups

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Internal Revenue Service said Wednesday that 275,000 organizations have lost their tax-exempt status because they failed to file required annual reports for three straight years. The tax agency said it believed that the vast majority of those groups are no longer in existence, but it said it was setting up procedures to help those companies that sought reinstatement. The IRS posted a list of the organizations on its website: <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id239696,00.html>.



AP

In this Jan. 21, 2010 file photo, passengers walk past a Delta Airlines 747 aircraft in McNamara Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport in Romulus, Mich.

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 AND 2012 RFP 11-03

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) and the Office of the Public Auditor are soliciting proposals for the financial and compliance audits of MPLT for the two fiscal years ending September 30, 2011 and 2012. Separate audits and reports are to be performed and issued for each year. The audits shall be performed in compliance with the following guidelines:

STANDARDS:

The audit shall be performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards (for Audit of Government Organizations, Programs, Activities, and Functions issued by the Comptroller General of the United States).

REQUIRED REPORTS:

The audit report shall include the auditor’s opinion on the financial statements, the auditor’s report on the review and evaluation of internal controls, and the auditor’s report on compliance with laws, regulations, grants, and contracts.

Proposals must have the following information:

TITLE PAGE:

1. Request for Proposal Subject
2. Name of the CPA or CPA firm
3. Local address and telephone number
4. Name of contact person and submission date

TRANSMITTAL LETTER:

1. Briefly state your understanding of the audit to be performed. Include an affirmative statement that your firm can perform and complete the work with the time specified.
2. State a comprehensive fee for which the work will be performed
3. Briefly describe your work plan and state the target dates for the entrance and exit conference and for the delivery of the draft and final audit report package.

COMPANY’S PROFILE:

1. Provide a brief description of the proposer firm, personnel, including educational background and experience, number of staff and staff levels (partner, manager, auditors, etc) and client listing.
2. The proposer must make an affirmative statement or provide supporting document to state/show that: (1) at least the partners are certified public accountants (CPA’s), (2) it meets all the independence requirement of the applicable auditing standards, (3) it does not have a record of substandard audit work (4) it meets all specified requirements imposed by the CNMI laws and other regulations, and (5) its system of quality control for accounting and auditing practice is in conformity with standards established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).
3. The proposal should identify Principals/Partners; Audit Managers and other staff members who will work on the audit and provide resumes showing relevant experience and compliance with the continuing education requirement of the auditing standards.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The proposal will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Responsiveness of the proposal in clearly stating an understanding of the scope of work to be performed and completing the work on time (25%)
2. Qualifications and experience of the firm (25%)
3. Qualifications and technical competence of the staff to be assigned. Education, position in the firm, and years and types of experience will be considered (25%)
4. Audit fee (25%)

Cost is not expected to be the controlling factor in the selection of a Contractor for this solicitation. The degree of importance of cost can increase should the proposers substantially receive equal points (within 3%) after evaluating the first three criteria. In that event, the best and final cost/price may be requested and negotiated with the responsive and qualified proposers. The right to award based upon the proposed cost/price however, is reserved, if the cost/price is determined fair and reasonable for the services.

One (1) original and five (5) copies of the proposal shall be submitted no later than July 25, 2011 to:

Marianas Public Land Trust
1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill
P.O. Box 501089
Saipan, MP 96950

The contract for audit will be awarded by August 31, 2011 and the audit work can commence on November 15, 2011 and 2012. The final audit reports shall be completed and delivered by January 31, 2011 and 2012.

Inquires may be directed to Barbara Reyes, Office Manager at telephone number (670) 322-4401/4402 or by email at bobbieannreyes@mplt.gov.mp.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



This is to inform the General Public that Ms. Arlene D. Hart is no longer connected with **Ecosure Insurance** effective immediately. Any transaction made by her on behalf of the company from the date of this Notice shall be rendered null and void.

The Management



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-028 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced Independent Power Producers (IPP), to supply electrical energy generated from commercially proven Solar Photovoltaic System (SPS) for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one, or more, respondent(s) to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install generation SPS facilities that best fit the CUC's requirements.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, securing sites, all permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully operational SPS Generating Facilities. Selected IPP(s) will be responsible for operating and maintaining all facets of the Generating Facility (ies) and for generating the required output as described in the Request for Proposal.

The Scope-of-Services will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested Offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **May 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Building, Lower Base Industrial Park, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-11-028 Solar Photovoltaic Generation**" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **September 29, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **June 14, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via address email.wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-040 DEBT COLLECTION LEGAL SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from debt collection attorneys to assist in the collection of delinquent utility billings for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The CUC intends to place selected accounts with one or more attorney. Submitted proposals must indicate how the CUC will be kept informed of the progress of each account placed with the attorney, as well as provide a summary and detail report of all accounts placed. In addition, proposals must provide for the total listing of the gross amount of all collections with a separate billing for attorney services rendered.

The RFP Package and the Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **June 16, 2011 at 11:00 AM (ChST)**, at CUC Main Conference Room No. 10, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-11-040, Debt Collection Legal Services**" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than July 08, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 20, 2011 to Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email address charles_warren@cucgov.net; Mr. Manuel Sablan Purchasing Officer msablan@cucgov.net; and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-010

Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from utility billing software development firms, for the Purchase of Utility Billing Software and preventative maintenance tracking software for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The work includes a needs assessment; training; project management; data conversion; and application. Deliverables may include a quotation for equipment to support the project and a performance report.

The bid package & specification will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **June 03, 2011 at 11:00 AM (ChST)**, at CUC Main Conference Room No. 10, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-11-010, Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System**" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 06, 2011 to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email address charles_warren@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-010

Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System ADDENDUM NO. 1

May 26, 2011

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following amendments to CUC-RFP-11-010, Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System:

- One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-11-010, Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System**" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **July 07, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

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- Scope-of-Work, Page 26, at letter c:** "Considering the SO 1 requirements which CUC must meet, an aggressive schedule for the design and execution of the project is required four months after the Notice to Proceed. Does the Proposed schedule meet this requirement?" AMENDED AS FOLLOW: "Considering the SO 1 requirement which CUC must meet, an aggressive schedule for the design and execution of the project is requested."
- Scope-of-Work, Page 5, section 2. Introduction:** AMENDED AS FOLLOW: "Systems must be in place and operational by: As soon as possible".
- Appendix C** is not required, as price is part of Appendix B. Appendix C stricken from appendices.

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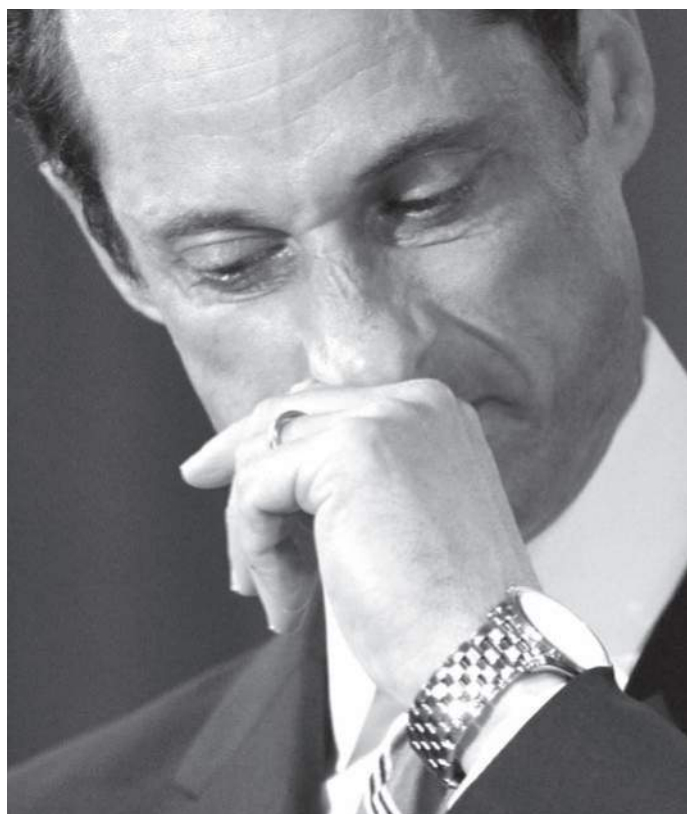
Nation

Pressure builds on Weiner to resign

WASHINGTON (AP)—Embattled New York Rep. Anthony Weiner's prospects for political survival dimmed precipitously on Wednesday with the appearance on the Internet of an X-rated photo said to be of the congressman—and the first calls from fellow Democrats for him to step down.

"In light of Anthony Weiner's offensive behavior online, he should resign," Pennsylvania Rep. Allyson Schwartz, a member of the party campaign committee's leadership, said in a statement that was quickly followed by similar expressions from other Democrats.

Separately, as the political scandal increasingly roiled the Democratic Party, several officials said that Weiner's wife, Huma Abedin, was pregnant. An official at the State Department, where Abedin serves as deputy chief of staff to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, had no comment. Abedin was traveling with Clinton on an official trip to



A teary U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., addresses a news conference in New York, Monday, June 6, 2011.

2 Arizona towns to empty as wildfire approaches

SPRINGVILLE, Ariz. (AP)—A raging forest fire in eastern Arizona that already forced thousands from their homes headed Wednesday for a pair of transmission lines that supply electricity to hundreds of thousands of people as far east as Texas.

The 607-square-mile blaze is expected to reach the power lines as early as Friday. If the lines are damaged, parts of New Mexico and Texas could face rolling blackouts.

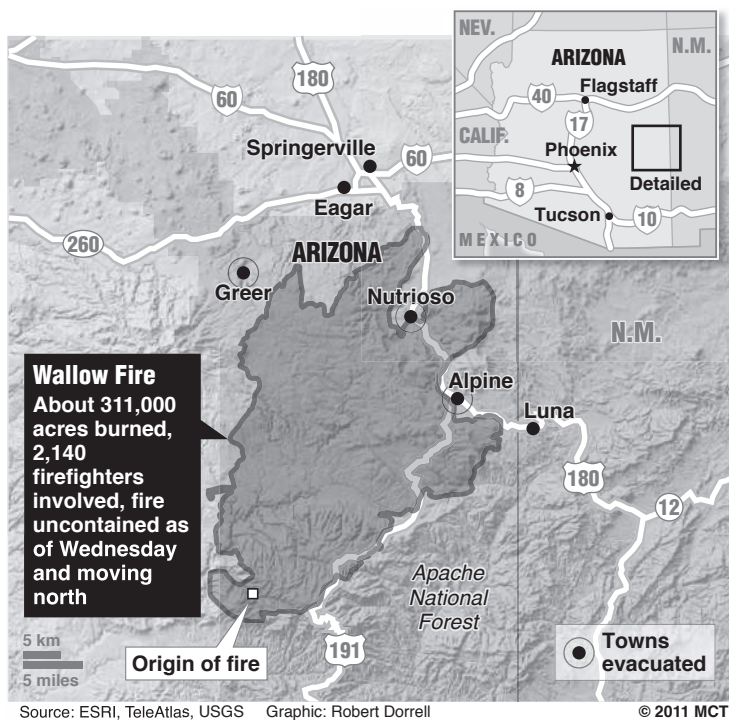
Meanwhile, an Arizona sheriff ordered remaining residents of two towns in the path of the wildfire to evacuate by Wednesday evening. About 7,000 people live in Springerville and Eagar and surrounding areas, although many already have left.

The blaze has blackened about 389,000 acres and destroyed 11 buildings, primarily in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. No serious injuries have been reported.

Firefighters have been concerned that high afternoon winds could carry embers that can cause new, smaller spot fires.

"We have a lot of people out there who are going to be doing nothing but looking for spots and putting those things out if they see them," fire spokesman Jim Whittington said.

Firefighters had spent the past two days trying to create a line where they could defend the towns. They used bulldozers to scrape off vegetation and hand crews to remove other fuels. The line hasn't been breached, but a spot fire did find an opening, Whittington said.



Source: ESRI, TeleAtlas, USGS Graphic: Robert Dorrell

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"It's not like the fire is in Springerville and Eagar," he said. "It's that potential for it to hook around the dozer line and (the) burnout we did and (then) move northeast into town" that prompted the evacuation.

By late Wednesday afternoon, the streets of Springerville were mostly empty. Apache County sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement officers could be seen going house-to-house as they looked for any remaining residents. Authorities were marking homes with yellow caution tape to signify that residents had left.

At Reed's Lodge along Springerville's Main Street, Daric Knight said he planned to stay to make sure no embers fell on the wood shingle roof or elsewhere on the property. Knight said his family has owned the

lodge since the 1960s.

"I've seen lots of fires, but nothing like this," he said.

The fire prompted Texas-based El Paso Electric to issue warnings of possible power interruptions for its customers in southern New Mexico and West Texas.

The company uses two high voltage lines to bring electricity from the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station west of Phoenix to the two states. Losing the lines would cut off about 40 percent of the utility's supply, possibly triggering the rolling blackouts among its 372,000 customers.

Winds in the area were expected to gust up to 35 mph on Wednesday. Officials in Catron County, N.M., told residents of Luna to be prepared to leave if winds push the blaze into western New Mexico.

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Weiner, 46, has admitted sending explicit photos and messages via the Internet to about a half-dozen women over the past three years. He vowed at a news conference on Monday to remain in office, and one lawmaker who spoke to him on Wednesday said Weiner indicated he still hopes to ride out the furor and remain in Congress. That lawmaker spoke on condition of anonymity, saying it was a private conversation.

But the appearance of a photo of a man's genitals added yet another aspect to what appears to be a sex scandal without actual sex in the

age of social media. According to conservative blogger Andrew Breitbart, Weiner sent the picture of himself to one of the women with whom he corresponded online.

The Associated Press has not been able to independently confirm that the photo is of Weiner. On Wednesday, spokeswoman Risa B. Heller noted in a statement that Weiner had said at a news conference on Monday that he "has sent explicit photos. To reiterate, he has never met any of these women or had physical contact with them."

The photo made its way to the website Gawker by a circuitous route, after Breitbart showed it to

the hosts of Sirius XM radio's "Opie and Anthony Show."

One of the women whom Weiner sexted, Lisa Weiss, a 40-year-old blackjack dealer from Las Vegas, said the on-line relationship started as flirtations, and he escalated the graphic comments.

"Yes. I was very shocked at the beginning. ... I would want to talk politics," she said in an interview on Inside Edition. "But he would turn it creepy."

By day's end Wednesday, at least six House Democrats had called for Weiner to step down.

Schwartz was the first, and politically the most significant because of her position as a senior leader on the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Record-breaking heat grips much of eastern US

WASHINGTON (AP)—The mercury climbed into the 90s across half the country Wednesday in a record-breaking blast of August-like heat, forcing schools with no air conditioning to let kids go home early and cities to open cooling centers. And scientists say we had better get used to it.

A new study from Stanford University predicts that global climate change will lead permanently to unusually hot summers by the middle of the century.

Temperatures in the 90s were recorded across much of the South, the East and the Midwest. Baltimore and Washington hit 99 degrees, breaking high-temperature records for the date that were set in 1999, according to the National Weather Service. The normal high for the date is about 82.

Philadelphia hit 97 degrees, breaking a 2008 record of 95, and Atlantic City, N.J., tied a record of 98 set in 1999. Chicago reached 94 by midafternoon.

Forecasters said it felt even hotter because of the high hu-

midity. The ridge of high pressure that brought the broiling weather is expected to remain parked over the region through Thursday.

"I'm staying in my house. I'm going to watch TV and have a cold beer," said 84-year-old Harvey Milliman of Manchester, N.J. "You got a better idea than that, I'd love to hear it." Youngsters sweltered in Hartford, Conn., where school would have ended for the summer by now if not for the heavy snows last winter that led to makeup days.

"I'm not even going to go outside this summer if it's going to be like this, unless my mom makes me," said seventh-grader Kemeson Scott, putting the final touches on a social studies paper in a Hartford school with no air conditioning.

Public schools in Philadelphia and parts of New Jersey and Maryland cut their days short. But Baltimore students were disappointed to find a public pool closed when school let out early. The mayor later ordered the pools to open.

In Oklahoma, where temperatures have reached 104 four times so far this month, the Salvation Army said more people are seeking help with high utility bills earlier in the season, and paramedics responded to more heat-related illnesses.

The deaths of five elderly people in Tennessee, Maryland and Wisconsin have been blamed on the heat in recent days.

Cooling centers were opened in cities such as Chicago, Memphis, Tenn., and Newark, N.J., as a refuge for those without air conditioning. City officials in Norfolk, Va., teamed up with nonprofit groups to deliver cold water and sunscreen to the homeless.

And this could be just the beginning.

The 6-to-10-day outlook from the federal Climate Prediction Center calls for continued above-average readings centered on the mid-South, including Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and extending as far as the Great Lakes and New York and New Jersey.

ACROSS THE NATION

Police: We were right to act on tip about bodies

HARDIN, Texas (AP)—The anonymous caller claiming to be a psychic offered police a startling tip: Multiple bodies, including those of children, had been buried at a rural Texas home. Officers searched the property and quickly concluded the tip was a hoax but not before a flurry of media reports indicated that a mass grave had been found containing the remains of as many as 30 people. Still, authorities insisted Wednesday that they were right to take the information seriously because of the severity of the crime that was alleged. Experts and other law enforcement agencies agreed, explaining that most tips must be investigated regardless of the source.

Police expand search for Indiana college student

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)—Authorities are extending the police search for a 20-year-old Indiana University student beyond the city limits of Bloomington five days after she was last seen walking back to her apartment after a night out with friends. Bloomington police Lt.

Bill Parker said Wednesday that the whole city has been searched at least once, and some areas near the apartment of Lauren Spierer have been scoured for clues several times. Hundreds of volunteers have joined in search efforts this week, including family friends from out of state and other Indiana parents who have experienced the nightmare of a missing child.

500-year-old book for sale in Utah for \$35K

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A partial copy of a 500-year-old book considered one of the earliest and most lavishly illustrated works of the 15th century is now on sale for \$35,000 at a rare book shop in Utah. Book dealer Ken Sanders was shocked back in April when while volunteering at a fundraiser for a small town museum in Sandy, just south of Salt Lake City, a man arrived with the unusual find pulled from his attic. It had been gathering dust for decades. "There was just something almost dreamlike, something surreal about a five-century-old book being found here," said Sanders, who appraises items for PBS's Antiques Roadshow and owns Ken Sanders Rare Books in Salt Lake City.

Asia

Officials: US missiles kill 23 in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—A pair of U.S. missile strikes hit a vehicle and an alleged insurgent training facility Wednesday in a tribal region near the Afghan border, killing 23 suspected Islamist militants, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

The two missile strikes bring this week's count to five. They are the latest sign that the U.S. has no intention of abandoning the tactic despite public disapproval in Pakistan and a downturn in relations between Islamabad and Washington following the American raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

The strikes occurred within minutes of each other, the four Pakistani intelligence officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to brief the media.

One missile hit a vehicle carrying five men. The other struck a nearby compound, killing 18 people in the Shawal area, which lies along the border that separates the South and North Waziristan tribal regions. The compound is believed to have housed a training camp for extremists, the officials said. Both regions are home to various militant groups, including several involved in attacks on Western forces across the border in Afghanistan.

The area hit Wednesday was on the North Waziristan side, in territory under the control of Hafiz Gul Bahadur, a warlord involved in the Afghan fight.

North Waziristan is the usual target for U.S. missiles because it is home to more groups fighting in Afghanistan and because the Pakistani military has re-

sisted U.S. appeals to launch an offensive there. But this week's strikes had mostly hit South Waziristan or along the border of the two regions.

Since 2008, the U.S. has increased its use of drone-fired missiles to take out al-Qaida and Taliban targets in Pakistan. Islamabad officially protests the strikes as violations of Pakistan's sovereignty, but it is widely believed to have secretly provided intelligence for some of them.

The May 2 U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, a garrison city in Pakistan's northwest, infuriated Pakistani lawmakers who saw it as another violation of their sovereignty. Pakistan's parliament passed a resolution demanding the missile strikes end, but the U.S. has ignored it.

Defector gets govt post as SKorea focuses on unity

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea handed a high-level government job to a North Korean defector Wednesday as inter-Korean projects languish and Seoul tries to focus on the potential costs of a unified Korean peninsula.

The appointment of Cho Myung-chul as the new chief of the government-run Education Center for Unification is part of Seoul's efforts to put more resources into preparing South Koreans for the possibility of the two Koreas becoming a single country. The government is also trying to help North Korean defectors adapt to life in South Korea.

Last year, South Korea proposed a three-stage unification process and a tax that could help pay for the massive costs associ-

ated with any Korean unification.

The naming of Cho as the education center chief is the highest-ever South Korean government job for a North Korean refugee, officials said. The post is right below a vice ministerial post. The center publishes books and other material about unification and sends researchers and teachers to educate South Korean students; it also holds academic forums and seminars.

Cho, who taught economics at Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung University and defected to seek political freedom in 1994, said Wednesday that he will focus on addressing South Koreans' divide in views on how to deal with North Korea.

There is a sharp ideological rift in South Korean society

over North Korea. South Korean President Lee Myung-bak's two liberal predecessors called for greater reconciliation toward North Korea and pursued joint projects.

But such efforts have languished since Lee came to office in early 2008, ending unconditional aid and linking cooperation to North Korea's progress in keeping nuclear disarmament commitments.

After North Korea allegedly sank a South Korean warship and killed 46 sailors in March last year, Lee ended almost all trade with the North, except for the operation of a joint factory park in the North. Prospects for improved ties further dimmed when the North shelled a South Korean border island in November, killing four people.

ately claimed responsibility for the attack.

3 dead as chest-high floods sweep Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—At least three people are dead in chest-deep floods that have swept across parts of the Philippines. Days of incessant rain have shut down schools and disrupted travel. In all, nearly 200,000 people have been affected. Among the dead are two teenagers who drowned in the North Cotabato province. The national disaster council says five provinces in the southern Philippines have reported rising floodwaters after the rain caused rivers to overflow. At least 135 villages and 19 municipalities have been affected.

Elephants kill man, injure others in south India

NEW DELHI (AP)—News reports say two wild elephants have killed a man and injured other people on a rampage in southern India. New Delhi Television news channel aired footage Wednesday showing the body of a man at the feet of one of the animals in the city of Mysore in Karnataka state. An elephant also kicked a cow. Press Trust of India later reported that one pachyderm was trapped inside a farm and the other was tranquilized. It said several people were injured but no details were available.

World

Bin Laden's No. 2: Muslims will destroy America

CAIRO (AP)—Osama bin Laden's deputy warned Wednesday that America faces not individual terrorists or groups but an international community of Muslims that seek to destroy it and its allies. He was delivering a 28-minute videotaped eulogy to slay al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

Ayman al-Zawahri, al-Qaida's longtime No. 2 and considered the network's operational head, also sought to cast a role for the terror group in the popular uprisings shaking Arab world.

"Today, praise God, America is not facing an individual, a group or a faction," he said, wearing a white robe and turban with an assault rifle leaned on a wall behind him. "It is facing a nation than is in revolt, having risen from its lethargy to a renaissance of jihad."

Al-Zawahri also heaped praise on bin Laden, who was killed in the May 2 raid by U.S. Navy SEALs in the Pakistani garrison town of Abbottabad. Al-Zawahri, who is believed to be operating from somewhere near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, also criti-



In this May 5, 2011 file photo, local residents and media are seen outside the house where al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was caught and killed in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

cized the U.S. for burying bin Laden at sea.

"He went to his God as a martyr, the man who terrified American while alive and terrifies it in death, so much so that they trembled at the idea of his having tomb," he said.

Al-Zawahri—who referenced the toppling of rulers in Tunisia and Egypt and continued uprisings in Libya, Yemen and Syria—tried to cast recent developments as in line with his group's longtime goal: to destroy America and its allies. He said America now faces the international Muslim community.

"Our brothers who are work-

ing in Islam in all places, I tell you that our hands are extended to you and our hearts are open to you, so that we can work together to make Allah's word the highest and to make Islamic law in Muslim lands the ruler, not the ruled," he said in a video released on militant websites.

Al-Qaida has long sought to topple many of the Arab leaders whose regimes have been shaken or toppled by popular uprisings this year, though militant Islam has played next to no role in any of them and most activists say they seek civil, not religious rule.

Tribesmen seize part of Yemen's 2nd biggest city

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Armed opposition tribesmen have seized control of part of Yemen's second-largest city, security officials said Wednesday, illustrating the breakdown of authority in the country amid a potentially explosive deadlock in the capital.

With the wounded President Ali Abdullah Saleh out of the country for treatment, the United States, Saudi Arabia and the Yemeni opposition are pressing for a formal end to his rule and the formation of a new government. But so far there's been little response from Saleh's ruling party, and his allies appear to be digging in, insisting the president will return soon.

That has left Sanaa locked in

an uneasy cease-fire between government forces and opposition tribesmen barricaded in their positions after two weeks of heavy battles between them killed dozens. On Wednesday, tribesmen collected 10 more bodies of their fallen fighters from the streets of their main stronghold, Sanaa's Hassaba district, where most of the battles took place, a tribal spokesman said.

The United States fears that this power vacuum will give freer rein to al-Qaida's branch in Yemen—one of the terror network's most active franchises, behind two attempted terror attacks on U.S. targets.

In a videotape released Wednesday, the deputy of slain

al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden sought to adopt the anti-Saleh movement. "We are with you in your uprising," Ayman al-Zawahri said in the video posted on Islamic militant websites. He warned Yemenis not to be tricked by the Americans and their Gulf allies "who want to replace one American agent with another," urging the opposition to continue until Saleh's regime falls and "they put in its place a just regime that rules by Islamic law."

On a visit to Egypt on Wednesday, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen said Washington was particularly concerned about al-Qaida's branch gaining a greater range of operations.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Report: General confirms China's aircraft carrier

BEIJING (AP)—A news report says a Chinese general has confirmed one of China's loosely kept military secrets: that it's outfitting its first aircraft carrier. The Hong Kong Commercial Daily reported this week that General Chen Bingde confirmed that the carrier is being built but is not finished. His comments are the highest-level confirmation of the carrier program by the secretive military. But the carrier's existence has been known for several years. Bought from Ukraine in 1998, the stripped shell of the mothballed carrier was towed to China, first supposedly to serve as a casino and later to the northeastern port of Dalian, where it is being outfitted.

Afghan official: 9 killed in wedding party attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Afghan government says gunmen have killed nine people in a nighttime attack on a wedding party in eastern Afghanistan. The spokesman for eastern Nangarhar province says Wednesday night's attack happened in remote Dur Baba district. Ahmad Zia Abdulzai says the assailants opened fire on the house where family members were celebrating. They also set fire to the house and a nearby car. No one immedi-

WORLD BRIEFS

Gadhafi strikes Libya rebels, NATO pounds Tripoli

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, increasingly cornered under a stunning upturn in NATO airstrikes, lashed back with renewed shelling of the western city of Misrata Wednesday, killing 10 rebel fighters. The international alliance said it remained determined to keep pounding Gadhafi forces from the air, but would play no military role in the transition to democratic rule in oil-rich North African country once the erratic leader's 42-year rule was ended. In Brussels, NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said Gadhafi's days in power were clearly numbered, making it imperative for the international community, the United Nations in particular, to gear up to help Libyans establish a new form of government.

Teen survives being shot, dangled from bridge

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)—A kicking, screaming teenager with a gunshot wound was found dangling from a rope over a busy highway Wednesday in the northern Mexican city of Monterrey. Police said another man alongside him was dead by the time rescuers arrived and a third was found dead below. Witnesses told police that a group of gunmen descended from a vehicle and hanged the men off a bridge around 10 a.m., stopping traffic along one of the busiest routes in Mexico's third-largest city, which has been plagued by drug-gang violence. All three of the men had been shot and tortured, and their hands were bound with duct tape, according to a Nuevo Leon state police investigator who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case.

Off the Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Man cited after paying bill with 2,500 pennies

VERNAL, Utah (AP)—A Utah man has been cited on a charge of disorderly conduct after paying for a disputed medical bill with 2,500 pennies. The Deseret News of Salt Lake City reports Jason West went to Basin Clinic in Vernal on May 27 prepared to dispute an outstanding \$25 bill. Assistant Vernal Police Chief Keith Campbell says that after asking staff members whether they accepted cash, West dumped 2,500 pennies on the counter and demanded that staff count them. Campbell says the incident upset staff because pennies were strewn about the counter and floor, and West's action served "no legitimate purpose." Police later issued the 38-year-old West a citation for disorderly conduct. That carries a fine of as much as \$140. Or 14,000 pennies.

Conn. city: People using new fountain as toilet

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP)—Officials in New London, Conn., turned off the water at the city's new waterfront fountain over the weekend, because people have been using it as a toilet. The fountain was activated last month and features a sculpture of a whale's tail with water spilling over it, which visitors are encouraged to run through. City Councilor Michael Buscetto III tells The Day of New London that since the fountain opened, police have responded to calls of people urinating, defecating and showering in the fountain water. He said some people who have cut themselves have also used the fountain to rinse off blood.

City Manager Denise Rose says police are developing a plan to better keep an eye on the area.

Cops: Conn. man punched self to fake assault

FARMINGTON, Conn. (AP)—Connecticut police say a man punched himself in the face, tore his shirt and threw his wallet and keys in a river to convince police he had been assaulted. Farmington police said Monday that Daniel Vagnini was arrested after reporting that he has been assaulted, then admitting he made up the story. According to police, the 22-year-old Farmington man sped through a stop sign and nearly crashed into a car. Police say they later found his car and heard Vagnini in the woods. He told police he had been drinking in Hartford and was assaulted and blacked out. Vagnini was charged with reckless driving, evading responsibility and driving under the influence.

Wash. troopers escort geese family off freeway

SEATTLE (AP)—Seattle-bound commuters got some unexpected company when a Canada goose and her goslings decided to walk across a section of highway that links the city to its suburbs. State troopers in three cruisers escorted the flock to an off-ramp after motorists became concerned about the geese's safety during the Wednesday morning rush hour. Washington State Patrol spokeswoman trooper Julie Startup says it took troopers about 20 minutes "to get the

little guys cleared." She says a couple of lanes were shut down while the geese found an exit. State Department of Transportation traffic cameras captured the family running along the shoulder of I-90, flanked by troopers following slowly behind.

Black bear outsmarts Wash. wildlife officials

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. (AP)—A young black bear has outsmarted wildlife officials trying to trap it in Washington state. Washington Fish and Wildlife Department agents are tracking the bear Tuesday near Port Orchard. So far, the bear has withstood a tranquilizer dart Monday and resisted a trap baited with doughnuts, marshmallows and maple syrup. Sgt. Ted Jackson says agents are following the bear to make sure it stays away from schools. He says if agents get a clear shot, they'll try to dart it again. If the bear remains in the area, they'll try again to trap it and relocate it.

Spelling detour: Sign in Ohio spells north 'NORHT'

STRONGSVILLE, Ohio (AP)—A new, high-profile road sign over an Ohio interstate highway entrance will be replaced, because a contractor's spelling went off the road. The word "north" appeared prominently at the top of the sign misspelled "N-O-R-H-T." Ohio Department of Transportation spokeswoman Jackie Schafer says the contractor fixed the error in the Cleveland suburb of Strongsville on Tuesday by placing an overlay over the word, with the correct spelling. She tells The Associated Press the contractor will pay to have a new sign made. The Plain Dealer of Cleveland was first to report about the problem with the sign, on eastbound state Route 82 at Interstate 71.

Man with dead weasel accused of assault

HOQUIAM, Wash. (AP)—Police say a man was carrying a dead weasel when he burst into an apartment and assaulted a man in Washington state. The victim asked, "Why are you carrying a weasel?" Police said the attacker answered, "It's not a weasel, it's a marten," then punched him in the nose and fled. The attacker was apparently looking for his girlfriend and had gone to her former boyfriend's apartment Monday where the victim was a guest. KXRO reports he left the carcass behind. Police later found the 33-year-old Hoquiam man arguing with his girlfriend at another location and arrested him after a fight. He said he had found the marten dead near Hoquiam, but police don't know why he carried it with him. A marten is a member of the weasel family.

Science & Technology



W. John Kress, director, Consortium for Understanding and Sustaining a Biodiverse Planet, curator and research scientist, Smithsonian Institute, displays his Leafsnap app on his iPhone along with tree leaf specimens, Thursday, April 28, 2011, at the Smithsonian Natural History Museum's specimen storage room in Washington.

What's that tree? New app tells you

WASHINGTON (AP)—If you've ever wondered what type of tree was nearby but didn't have a guide book, a new smartphone app allows users with no formal training to satisfy their curiosity and contribute to science at the same time.

Scientists have developed the first mobile app to identify plants by simply photographing a leaf. The free iPhone and iPad app, called Leafsnap, instantly searches a growing library of leaf images amassed by the Smithsonian Institution. In seconds, it returns a likely species name, high-resolution photographs and information on the tree's flowers, fruit, seeds and bark.

Users make the final identification and share their findings with the app's growing database to help map the population of trees one mobile phone at a time.

Leafsnap debuted in May, covering all the trees in New York's Central Park and Washington's Rock Creek Park. It has been downloaded more than 150,000 times in the first month, and its creators expect it to continue to grow as it expands to Android phones.

By this summer, it will include all the trees of the Northeast and eventually will cover all the trees of North America.

Smithsonian research botanist John Kress, who created the app with engineers from Columbia University and the University of Maryland, said it was originally conceived in 2003 as a high-tech aid for scientists to discover new species in unknown habitats. The project evolved, though, with the emergence of smartphones to become a new way for citizens to contribute to research.

"This is going to be able to populate a database of every tree in the United States," Kress said. "I mean that's millions and millions and millions of trees, so that would be really neat."

It's also the first real chance for citizens to directly access some of the science based on the nearly 5 million specimens kept by the U.S. National Herbarium at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. The collection began in 1848 and is among the world's 10 largest plant collections.



Slow pictures not worth 1,000 words

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Question: I use a dial-up Internet connection because for me it's good enough and it's cheap. But you have to solve some problems. I've found that the new Google Images search page offers a basic version that loads fewer pictures, which takes less time on dial-up.

However, the link to the basic version is at the bottom of the new search page, which means I have to wait forever while all those pictures load before I can switch to the basic page. Is there any way to permanently set Google Images to the basic page?

Answer: There is a huge difference between the old and new Google Image search pages. When I searched for images of the space shuttle, the new page gave me seven screens of photos at once, while the old page gave me just one screen's worth.

Some versions of the Google Images website let you permanently choose the old or new pages at the bottom of the screen. But if yours doesn't, try downloading and running a "script," or browser add-on program, at tinyurl.com/2fojdho.

After you do that, the first time each day that you search with Google Images, you'll have a short wait while you're transferred to the older search page. But your waiting time will be greatly reduced because the script begins redirecting you to the old search page while the new one is still loading.

Subsequent searches during the same browsing session will load faster because you will automatically start on the old Google Images page.

If you're using Google's Chrome browser, you can install the script immediately. If you are using Firefox, you must first download a helper program called "GreaseMonkey," which you can find at tinyurl.com/4hx95zb. I could not get the script to work on Internet Explorer.

Q: I copied some WordPerfect document files from an old PC to a flash drive, then transferred them to my iMac. But I can't open the files on iMac. Is there some way to do this, or are the files lost?

A: There is no easy way to run the WordPerfect program, which is no longer very popular, on current generation Macs. But you can still read your WordPerfect documents by using the free OpenOffice.org for Mac. You can download the program at tinyurl.com/64fxuym.

OpenOffice can read WordPerfect files (files with the .wpd suffix), but can only save them to a different format, such as the rich-text format (files with the .rtf suffix) or one of the OpenOffice formats. If you store in the rich-text format, the files will be readable by a wide variety of programs.

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On the final day, Tuesday, June 21, 2011, the family would like to extend their invitation for dinner immediately after the Mass at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Joe P. and Judi C. Fujihira on Ates Drive, Kagman II.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase ginen I familia.

Life & Style

Refurbished Washington bust back at Huntington

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Catherine Hess doesn't have all the paperwork to prove that a 400-pound signed marble statue of George Washington is the one made 179 years ago by portraitist and sculptor David d'Angers and given to the United States by France.

But the chief curator of European art at the renowned Huntington Library in San Marino said Wednesday she has no doubt it's authentic.

A conservator who recently refurbished and analyzed the 33-inch bust, signed and dated 1832, came up with scientific proof, Hess said.

Newspaper stories and quotes from those involved indicate the bust initially was put on display in the Library of Congress, which was then in the front of the Capitol, she said. It was placed next to a statue of the American Revolutionary War general Lafayette. The Library of Congress has no record of it, though.

In her research, Hess found a letter that d'Angers, also known as Pierre-Jean David, wrote to John Quincy Adams saying he would like his Washington bust placed next to Lafayette's, said Hess, an art historian for 30 years.

On Christmas Eve 1851, fire destroyed thousands of books and burned the busts, Hess said. She believes the authenticating paperwork also might have burned up in that fire.

It appears the Washington bust was thrown away after the fire, she said. Hess said she found a photo of the Lafayette bust broken into three parts, but no photo of the Washington bust.

In 1904, France replaced the Washington bust with a bronze statue made from the same mold, Hess said. It is on display today at the Capitol.

Marble dealer James Klaber bought the fire-blackened bust in 1914 for \$25 from someone who had buried it in the backyard of his home. "No one knows how

got it got buried," Hess said.

Klaber talked to some art historians and figured out what he had, the curator said. Four years later, Klaber's son John, wrote about the bust for Art and Archaeology magazine. The family hired a New York gallery to sell the bust.

Railroad magnate Henry E. Huntington, founder of the San Marino museum, generated headlines across the country when he bought the bust for \$3,500. It was charred and had a chip out of its cheek, Hess said.

The statue was put on display at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in 1984 and again from 2001 to 2007.

When Hess arrived at The Huntington two years ago, she saw the bust in storage. "It was dirty and grimy and on an unattractive pedestal," she said. But she recognized the signature and said: "I love David d'Angers."

In 2010, she asked Los Ange-



Catherine Hess, chief curator of European art, stands next to a bust of George Washington, newly cleaned and analyzed, at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, Calif., Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

les conservator John Griswold to clean, patch and analyze the bust.

He showed her scientific proof that the bust had been in

a fire, and that cinched the deal for her.

Hess contacted the Capitol to make sure no one would be laying claim to the sculpture and "was assured the statute of limitations had run out."

On Wednesday, the bust went on display at The Huntington, 12 miles northeast of Los Angeles. "It looks gorgeous. It's a stunning thing," Hess said.

The bust is signed and dated on the drapery on the left side.

If the bust had turned out to be fake, wouldn't the publicity it has generated through the years have been enough to keep it on display?

"No way. We are not that kind of museum," Hess said.

Gibson's ex files appeal over lawyer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mel Gibson's ex-girlfriend has asked an appeals court to disqualify the Oscar winner's attorneys handling a bitter custody dispute because she consulted with one of their partners in a paternity dispute with another actor.

Attorneys for Oksana Grigorieva asked the California 2nd District Court of Appeal to intervene in the case on Monday. They sought to either disqualify Gibson's attorneys or require a judge hearing the case to review records of the Russian musician's dealings with the firm.

Grigorieva met with a partner in the firm of Kolodny and Anteau in 2008 at Gibson's suggestion, while she was dealing with custody issues involving her son with British actor Timothy Dalton, according to court filings.

The appeal said Gibson's attorneys sought records of the dispute with Dalton, including emails, text messages and other correspondence between the former couple. Dalton played



In this April 19, 2010 photo, Russian-born singer, songwriter Oksana Grigorieva, poses for photographers during a news conference in Moscow.

James Bond in two films in the late 1980s.

Stephen Kolodny, one of the Gibson's attorneys handling his dispute with Grigorieva over their infant daughter, said in an email that he would not comment on Grigorieva's appeal.

His partner, Ronald Anteau,

has not appeared in the case, but Grigorieva's filing named her discussion with him as important to her current fight with Gibson.

"The matters discussed with Mr. Anteau concerned the same subject matter that has been inquired into in the present case by Stephen Kolodny both in open court and at deposition," her filing said.

Grigorieva asked the court to issue a ruling before a key hearing this month.

Last month, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon ruled that Grigorieva waited too long to raise the issue of a potential conflict with Kolodny's representation of Gibson. She claimed she did not make the connection between her consultation with Anteau and Gibson's attorneys until recently.

Grigorieva wants the appellate court to require the judge to review Anteau's notes of his meeting with her and reconsider the ruling or disqualify Kolodny and Anteau's firm outright.

Transfers in DC cop unit that OK'd Sheen escort

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two District of Columbia police officers assigned to the unit that provided an 80-mph escort for actor Charlie Sheen from a Virginia airport to his show in Washington have been transferred.

An internal police document obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press shows that Lt. Stuart Emerman and Capt. Robert Acheson have been removed from the department's Special Operations Division, which provides escorts. D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier said Wednesday evening that the transfers weren't punishment for the Sheen escort

and that the investigation into the ride continues.

Officers from that division gave Sheen an escort April 19 from Dulles International Airport to a performance at DAR Constitution Hall. The escort drew attention after Sheen tweeted about it and posted a photograph showing a speedometer register about 80 mph. The concert promoter reimbursed the city for the cost of the escort.

Emerman was a lieutenant in the division's planning unit, which oversees escorts and major details, and Acheson was his captain. The two were transferred

to patrol services and school security bureaus in different police districts. A third member of the division who was involved in canine patrol was also transferred. Three officers were transferred into the division.

Reached at home Wednesday evening, Emerman said he was not told the reason for his transfer, but suspected it had to do with Sheen.

"I am aware I am under investigation and this is the only investigation that I have had in many years. That is the only investigation I am a target of," Emerman said.

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Kyle Chandler, Elle Fanning
 Science Fiction • PG 13

Synopsis
 Writer/director J.J. Abrams teams with producer Steven Spielberg for this period sci-fi thriller set in the late '70s, and centering on a mysterious train crash in a small Ohio town. Summer, 1979: a group of young friends are filming a Super-8 movie when a pickup truck derails a speeding train. When the locals start to disappear and even the inquisitive deputy can't come up with answers, suspicions emerge that the incident was anything but an accident.

Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer
 Judy Moody
 JORDANNA BEATTY

Friday & Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:35
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Mon thru Thurs		4:05	7:05	

Jordana Beatty, Heather Graham
 Children's/Family • PG

Synopsis
 Megan McDonald's popular series of children's books comes to life on the big screen in this family friendly adventure that finds mischievous third grader Judy Moody experiencing a summer she'll never forget. School is out, and with the endless possibilities that summer has to offer, Judy (Jordanna Beatty) plans to have fun in the sun with her best pals Rocky and Amy.

X-Men: First Class
 X-Men
 JAMES MCAVOY

Friday & Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:45
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Mon thru Thurs		4:10	7:10	

James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender
 Action, Fantasy • PG 13

Synopsis
 Set in the era before Professor Charles Xavier and Erik Lehnsherr became mortal enemies as Professor X and Magneto, respectively, director Matthew Vaughn's X-Men: First Class follows the two former allies as they lead a powerful team of mutants on a mission to save the planet from nuclear annihilation. Charles (James McAvoy) and Erik (Michael Fassbender) were just young men when it began to appear as if the world was careening toward destruction.

Oba: The Last Samurai
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 YUTAKA TAKENOUCHI

Friday & Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:50
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Mon thru Thurs		4:20	7:20	

Yutaka Takenouchi, Sean McGowan
 Drama • NR

Kung Fu Panda 2
 Kung Fu Panda
 JACK BLACK

Friday & Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	9:30
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Jack Black, Angelina Jolie
 Children's Family • Rated PG

The Hangover Part 2
 Hangover
 BRADLEY COOPER

Friday & Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:25	9:40
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25	
Mon thru Thurs		4:25	7:25	

Bradley Cooper, Zack Galifianakis
 Comedy • Rated R

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Strange Tides
 Pirates of the Caribbean
 JOHNNY DEPP

Friday & Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	10:00
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Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz
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Woman's helping hand at work comes across as interference

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: It has recently come to my attention that at work I am considered "bossy." It came as a shock to me. I'm hurt that my co-workers and department manager think of me this way.

I know I come on strong sometimes when it comes to helping customers, but I view it as helping. When I suggest to co-workers that they keep their areas clean and orderly, it is perceived as bossy. I'm just trying to help them not get fired for slacking off.

I'm older than some of my co-workers and my manager. I tried for the manager position, and was initially angry when someone else got it. But now I see she does a good job, and I respect her. It seems, however, that my actions have sent the wrong message. What can I do to mend fences? Or, should I just forget about it and look for something else?

MISJUDGED IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR MISJUDGED: No, you should apologize to anyone you might have offended. And, as well-intentioned as you are, in the future resist the urge to correct your fellow employees. Your job is to be part of a team, not a scolding schoolmarm. Sometimes it's how you say something, not necessarily what was said, that's the problem.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Alana," has a 7-year-old son my husband and I have helped to raise while she got her life together and pursued her lucrative career. "Tristan" excels in school and is a great little man. The problem is, every time Alana gets a new boyfriend, she rushes to make the boyfriend Tristan's "daddy."

The men my daughter chooses are crude, rude and, without fail, feel a need to "straighten out" Tristan. My grandson does not need straightening out because he is polite, engaging and a good soul. The newest guy in Alana's life, "Jeff," told me point blank that if Alana doesn't stop babying her son, Tristan will grow up to be a girl! This man is homophobic, sexist, racist and controlling.

Alana claims she's "in love" and fails to see the potential harm this guy could inflict on Tristan. We do not employ corporal punishment, but Jeff has already said (several times) he would "beat his butt"! What should we do?

FEARFUL NANA IN GEORGIA

DEAR NANA: Where is your daughter meeting these people? It appears her taste in men is atrocious, and she has serious self-esteem issues. You and your husband need to get across to her how harmful it is for her to repeatedly introduce men to her son as "daddies." Parents should wait until they know their prospective mates well enough to be assured they won't injure the child physically or psychologically.

If Alana insists on marrying Jeff, offer to take Tristan to live with you. If that's not acceptable, the next time Jeff says he'll "beat Tristan's butt" respond point blank that if he lays a hand on your grandson, you'll report him to Child Protective Services.

You could also point out to your daughter that now that she has her life together and a "lucrative career," the last thing she would need is a scandal because she tolerated such a thing happening to her son. And while you're at it, make it plain that trying to "toughen up" a 7-year-old the way this man is suggesting would not only be counterproductive, it could damage him in ways she can't imagine.

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Dear Abby

Taylor Swift wins video of year at CMT Awards



This is an undated file family photo released Aug. 27, 2009 by Carl Probyn of his step-daughter, Jaycee Lee Dugard who went missing in 1991.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The fans have given Taylor Swift another trophy.

The pop sensation won the fan-voted video of the year award at the CMT Music Awards for "Mine" on Wednesday night. Swift also won the fan-voted Academy of Country Music artist of the year award earlier this year.

Swift couldn't make it to BridgeStone Arena to accept the belt buckle given to winners. But cameras cut to her tour stop in Wisconsin for a live acceptance speech.

She had opened the show with a pre-recorded faux movie trailer recreation of "Thelma & Louise" with Shania Twain.

Blake Shelton was the night's only multiple winner, taking male video of the year for "Who Are You When I'm Not Looking" and best Web video for "Kiss My Country Ass."

Marijuana possession will cost Willie Nelson \$787

SIERRA BLANCA, Texas (AP)—Country music legend and avowed marijuana aficionado Willie Nelson must pay a Texas court \$787 to settle marijuana possession charges.

Hudspeth County Attorney Kit Bramblett told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the 78-

year-old Nelson can send the \$500 fine and \$287 court costs by mail.

In March, Bramblett had suggested that County Judge Becky Dean-Walker had ordered Nelson to perform "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain" in court. At the time, Dean-Walker said Bramblett's suggestion was a "joke that got out of hand."

On Wednesday, Bramblett confirmed that "he's not coming, he's not singing."

Nelson was arrested Nov. 26 at a Border Patrol checkpoint when an agent searched his tour bus because of a suspicious aroma coming from the vehicle. He was later released on bail.

Sawyer scores first interview with Jaycee Dugard

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—California kidnapping victim Jaycee Dugard has agreed to give her first interview to veteran broadcast journalist Diane Sawyer.

ABC News reported Wednesday that the World News Tonight anchor plans to tape a conversation with Dugard that will air next month, just before publication of Dugard's memoir, "A Stolen Life." An exact date wasn't provided, but the book is to be released July 12.

Dugard was kidnapped from South Lake Tahoe in 1991, then sexually abused and held captive for 18 years by Phillip and



Nancy Garrido. She gave birth to two daughters by Phillip Garrido. The couple pleaded guilty and received lengthy prison sentences last week: 431 years to life for Phillip Garrido and 36 years to life for his wife.

ABC says Sawyer will ask Dugard about her years in captivity, her reunion with her family and her book.

This is an undated file family photo released Aug. 27, 2009 by Carl Probyn of his step-daughter, Jaycee Lee Dugard who went missing in 1991.

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SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

"Camp Rock 2" actor released from hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Camp Rock 2" actor Matthew "Mdot" Finley has been released from the hospital in a wheelchair and faces "extensive rehabilitation and therapy" following a May 26 motorcycle crash. Finley's manager, Eric Ortner, said Wednesday the singer-actor was released Tuesday from UCLA Medical Center after undergoing several surgeries for injuries he received when he lost control of his motorcycle in the Santa Monica Mountains and plummeted off a cliff. Ortner said that Finley suffered multiple injuries to his face, head and legs but is "determined to get back on the dance floor," including a possible stint on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars." Finley played rival Luke Williams in the Disney Channel sequel starring the Jonas Brothers. Ortner said Finley was grateful for the many online messages

of support he received from fans while in the hospital.

Tea Obreht wins Orange Prize for Fiction

LONDON (AP)—Tea Obreht has won the prestigious Orange Prize for Fiction for her debut novel, "The Tiger's Wife." The 25-year-old is the youngest ever author to win the 30,000 pound prize (\$49,180)- open to any novel by a woman published in English—and awarded Wednesday night at London's Royal Festival Hall. "The Tiger's Wife" is a story about a young doctor on a journey through war-torn Balkan countries inspired by stories her grandfather told her as a child. It was published earlier this year. Historian Bettany Hughes, the chair of the judging panel, praised Obreht as "a truly exciting new talent." Obreht was born in the former Yugoslavia but now lives in the United States.

Previous Orange Prize winners include Zadie Smith, Lionel Shriver and American novelist Barbara Kingsolver.

Edith Pearlman wins Malamud prize

NEW YORK (AP)—New England writer Edith Pearlman has won the PEN/Malamud Award for excellence in the "art of short fiction." The PEN/Faulkner Foundation announced the honor Wednesday. Books by the Brookline, Mass., resident include "How to Fall" and "Binocular Vision." Her work has been released by Lookout Books, Sarabande Press and other small publishers. As this year's award winner, she will receive \$5,000. Previous winners include Saul Bellow, John Updike and Eudora Welty. The award is named for the novelist and short story writer Bernard Malamud, best known for "The Natural."

Writer-producer-director Leonard Stern dies at 87

NEW YORK (AP)—Leonard Stern, a prolific writer-producer-director whose credits include "The Honeymooners," "Get Smart," and "McMillan and Wife," died Tuesday. He was 87. Stern died of heart failure at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, said his spokesman, Dale Olson. A native of New York City, Stern found early success in TV writing for Jackie Gleason in "The Honeymooners" as well as the classic 1950s sitcom "The Phil Silvers Show" and "The Steve Allen Show." In the 1960s he produced the spy satire "Get Smart," and in the 1970s wrote, directed and produced "McMillan and Wife," the lighthearted crime drama starring Rock Hudson. During his career he won three Emmy awards, two Golden Globes and a Peabody award.

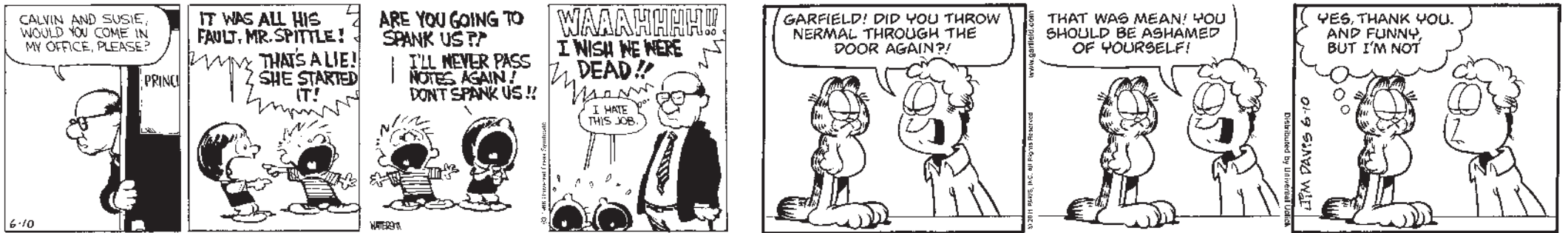
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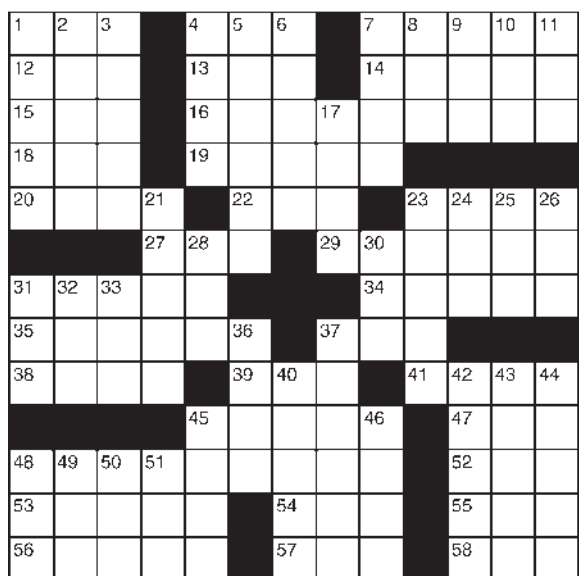
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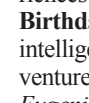
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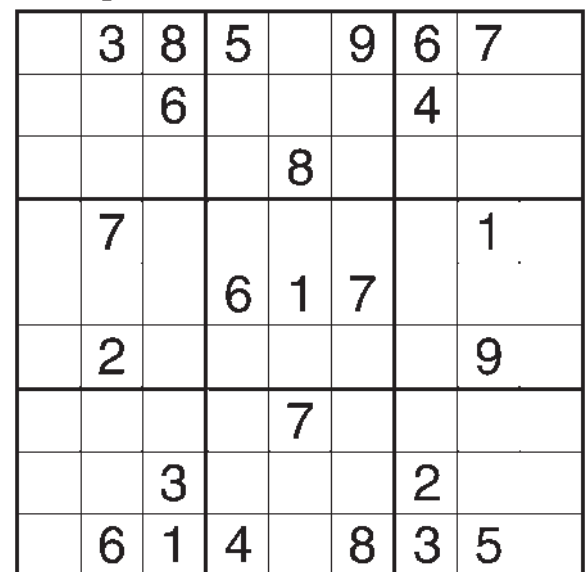
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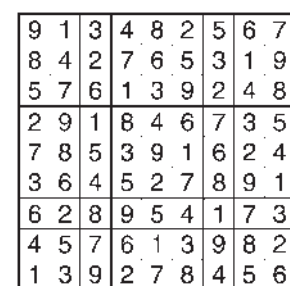


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Red Sox beat Yankees, go top of AL East



NEW YORK
(AP) —

The Boston Red Sox went top of the American League East division on Wednesday in fitting style, beating the archrival New York Yankees 11-6.

David Ortiz hit one of three Boston homers as the Red Sox extended their dominance of New York this season, making it seven wins from eight over the pinstripes in 2011, including all five at Yankee Stadium.

Carl Crawford and J.D. Drew also connected, both in the ninth inning to break the game open for a second time. Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits and Adrian Gonzalez added two RBIs.

Tireless knuckleballer Tim Lincecum (3-1) took the win for the Red Sox.



Boston Red Sox's Carl Crawford follows through on a home run during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees, Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Rangers 7, Tigers 3

In Arlington, Texas, Alexi Ogando pitched an impressive 7 2-3 innings to remain unbeaten this season, guiding Texas to victory over Detroit.

Detroit scored 21 runs while winning the first two games of the series and had taken four straight overall but could find no answer to Ogando (7-0), who struck out seven to match a career high. Ogando became the first major league pitcher to win his first seven decisions as a starter since Jered Weaver went 9-0 for the Los Angeles Angels in 2006.

Adrian Beltre homered and Elvis Andrus had three hits for the AL West-leading Rangers.

Phil Coke (1-6) gave up six runs in five innings in his return to Detroit's rotation.

Rays 4, Angels 3, 10 innings

In Anaheim, Tampa Bay completed its first ever three-game sweep in Anaheim, downing slumping Los Angeles.

Reid Brignac got Tampa Bay's offense started with his first homer of the season and delivered the deciding run with a safety squeeze bunt in the 10th.

The Rays used two pinch-hitters to start the winning rally against Fernando Rodney (2-3). John Jaso walked and Evan Longoria reached on an infield hit. Jaso stole third and scored on Brignac's bunt up the first base line.

Juan Cruz (3-0) pitched a perfect ninth to get the victory and Kyle Farnsworth got three outs for his 13th save in 14 attempts.

The Angels lost their fifth straight game, equaling their longest skid this season.

Mariners 7, White Sox 4, 10 innings

In Chicago, Miguel Olivo drove in three runs, including a go-ahead two-run double in the 10th inning, as Seattle beat Chicago.

Justin Smoak started the winning rally with a leadoff bloop double off White Sox closer Sergio Santos (2-2). After a walk, Olivo — who had a solo homer in the eighth against his former team — drove in both

runners with a grounder.

Mariners reliever Aaron Laffey (1-1) threw a scoreless inning to earn the win and Brandon League pitched a perfect 10th for his AL-leading 17th save of the season.

Blue Jays 9, Royals 8

In Kansas City, Adam Lind hit a grand slam and Jayson Nix added a three-run homer to power Toronto past Kansas City.

Corey Patterson snapped an 0-for-11 skid with four hits and scored two Toronto runs.

Blue Jays starter Carlos Villanueva (4-0) had one rough inning, the fourth when he allowed four runs, but pitched seven innings, allowing six hits. He has won his past eight decisions.

Royals starter Danny Duffy (0-2) was pulled after four innings and 96 pitches, allowing five runs and four walks.

Twins 3, Indians 2, 10 innings

In Cleveland, Ben Revere's two-out RBI single in the 10th inning lifted Minnesota over Cleveland in a meeting of two teams going in opposite directions.

After Drew Butera doubled with two outs off Chris Perez (2-2), Revere flared his base hit into shallow left. Butera scored sliding ahead of the throw to the plate.

The last-placed Twins took the series and won for the sixth time in seven games, raising hopes of a revival after a disappointing start to the season.

Matt Capps (2-3) got the win despite giving up a tying two-out homer in the ninth. Phil Dumatrait gave up a two-out double in the 10th before claiming his first career save.

Orioles 3, Athletics 2

In Baltimore, the hosts beat slumping Oakland to complete a three-game sweep.

Mark Reynolds homered and J.J. Hardy drove in a run for the Orioles, who completed their

first three-game sweep of the A's in Baltimore since 1998.

Orioles rookie Zach Britton (6-4) went into the seventh inning, allowing four hits in 6 1-3 innings.

It was the ninth consecutive loss for the Athletics, their longest skid since a 10-game run in 2008. Oakland scored only four runs in the series and never held a lead. Josh Outman (1-1) took the loss.

Phillies 2, Dodgers 0

In Philadelphia, Cole Hamels struck out nine in eight scoreless innings to direct the Philadelphia Phillies to a win over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Hamels (8-2) walked none while lowering his ERA to 2.58. He improved to 3-0 with a 1.18 ERA in five career regular-season starts against Los Angeles.

Ryan Howard's sixth-inning homer came off Hiroki Kuroda (5-7) and gave Philadelphia a 1-0 lead. It broke a season-worst drought for the Phillies, who had gone 65 1-3 innings without a home run. Howard had been 0 for 13 with six strikeouts previously against Kuroda.

Braves 3, Marlins 2, 10 innings

In Miami, Freddie Freeman singled home the go-ahead run in the 10th inning as Atlanta extended Florida's losing streak to seven games.

Braves veteran Chipper Jones walked with one out in the 10th against Mike Dunn (4-4), took second on a single by Brian McCann and scored on the hit by Freeman, who had been 0 for 7 in the series.

The Marlins went 1 for 8 with runners in scoring position and are 8 for 54 (.148) in those situations during the first six games of their dismal homestand.

Six of the Marlins' seven losses during their slump have been by a single run.

The Marlins had tied the game one strike from defeat; Mike Stanton hit a two-run single off

Braves closer Craig Kimbrel (2-2) to make the score 2-2.

The Marlins had two on with one out in the bottom of the 10th, but Scott Linebrink earned his second save in three chances by striking out the last man.

Giants 3, Nationals 1

In San Francisco, Matt Cain struck out 11 in his first complete game of the season, steering San Francisco to victory over Washington.

Cain (5-4) improved to 16-0 over the past two years when getting at least three runs of support. He allowed one run and one walk in his 13th career complete game, needing just 110 pitches. He also had an RBI double.

Rookie Brandon Crawford hit a tiebreaking RBI triple in the seventh inning and later scored an insurance run to help

the first-placed Giants win their third straight series.

Crawford hit a two-out, RBI triple off Sean Burnett (1-3) and then scored on Eli Whiteside's single.

Rockies 5, Padres 3

In San Diego, Troy Tulowitzki hit a two-run double in the ninth inning to lift Colorado past San Diego.

Carlos Gonzalez started the winning rally with a single and was sacrificed to second by Jonathan Herrera. After an intentional walk, a wild pitch advanced the runners and Tulowitzki then got his vital hit.

Prior to that, Tulowitzki had been 0 for 14 lifetime against Padres closer Heath Bell (2-2). He finished with three hits and three RBIs.

Colorado's Todd Helton had his first four-hit game of

the season and fell a triple shy of the cycle. He scored three runs.

Matt Lindstrom (1-1) pitched the eighth for the win and Huston Street pitched a perfect ninth for his 17th save.

Cubs 4, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Chicago snapped an eight-game losing skid by beating Cincinnati.

The Reds were leading 1-0 when Chicago's Blake DeWitt reached on an error with one out in the fourth. Carlos Pena then homered, and on the very next pitch, Aramis Ramirez went long again.

Cubs starter Ryan Dempster (5-5) went six innings, allowing one run with one walk and eight strikeouts.

Reds starter Bronson Arroyo (4-6) lasted 6 1-3 innings, giving up four runs.



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It is that time of the year! Summer has kicked in and the Karidat's House of Manhoben 2011 Summer Program is in full swing. Starting June 27, 2011, the House of Manhoben Summer Program will continue its tradition in providing youths the educational life skills activities that they will enjoy. The summer program will consist of many sports activities and courses such as junior leadership class, mother read program and soccer. So parents, if you want your child to have fun and still achieve educational lessons then come down to the Karidat: House of Manhoben Youth Center and register now! Registration Fee will be \$10.00 per activity. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated!

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Nowitzki's meds: Chicken soup, night-time jumpers



DALLAS (AP)—Dirk Nowitzki went home from his latest dramatic performance in the NBA finals, took a shower then slurped some chicken soup and hot tea. After a good night's rest, he returned to work Wednesday still dealing with a slight temperature and the sniffles, so he took it easy.

For a few hours.

Nowitzki said he was planning to be back in the gym later Wednesday to put up some shots and "at least get the body used to sweating a little bit."

With only two or three games left this postseason, Nowitzki figures he will soon have plenty of time to deal with a sinus infection and everything else that ails him. So he's determined to put whatever energy he has left into getting the two wins he and the Dallas Mavericks need to become NBA champions for the first time.

"At this stage, after playing eight, nine months on a high level ... nobody is completely healthy," Nowitzki said. "So it's time to fight through some stuff."

Nowitzki is fighting as hard as anyone.

He tore the tendon at the tip of his left middle finger during Game 1, then led a winning rally at the end of Game 2, even scoring two of his final three baskets using his wounded hand. He scored Dallas' final 12 points in Game 3, but missed his final shot at the buzzer when he could've forced overtime.

The morning of Game 4, he showed up for a shootaround "looking like a ghost," said Donnie Nelson, the team's president of basketball operations. Club officials sent him to the locker room, then to his house with all sorts of medicine.

Before the game, no one knew what to expect. Of course



Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki covers his mouth as he coughs during an interview session after practice for Game 5 of the NBA finals against the Miami Heat, Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in Dallas.

Nowitzki was going to try playing. But how long would he last? How good would he be?

"Dirk is a playful guy and outgoing and outspoken when it comes to the locker room," center Tyson Chandler said. "Seeing him not being playful and not really saying much and kind of sitting in his locker, I knew it

was going to be a tough night for him."

All seemed well when Nowitzki opened the game by hitting three straight shots. Then he missed 10 of 11. He also misfired on a free throw, ending his second run of 39 in a row this postseason.

By then, the secret about

Nowitzki's illness was out. He was wheezing, coughing and doing all he could to fight the effects of a 101-degree fever.

"His wind didn't look the same," guard Jason Terry said. "But for the most part he was intense, he was locked in, he was focused."

Nowitzki scored 10 of his 21

points and grabbed five of his 11 rebounds while the Mavs pulled off another late comeback, erasing a nine-point deficit with 10:12 left. This rally kept them from falling into the black hole of a 3-1 deficit, instead putting them right back in the thick of things at 2-2.

Comparisons instantly were made to Michael Jordan scoring 38 points in Game 5 of the 1997 finals while battling a fever of 103. Nelson called it "our version of Willis Reed," except Reed only had the first four points for the New York Knicks when he made his dramatic appearance for the tipoff of Game 7 of the 1970 finals.

"I think last night was one of the most inspirational, gut performances in Mavs history," Nelson said. "If he doesn't tough it out and if he doesn't come back, there is no way (the Mavs win). I don't even know how he was standing in that fourth quarter because that was a physically taxing game. Hat's off. We're here at 2-2 because of him. ... Like all great players, you just find a way. You shut off the physical. All great players have that psyche. Their mind is able to overcome whatever limitations they have."

Apparently, even on an off day, as evidence by Nowitzki's plans to return to the arena later in the day.

Nelson didn't know about that plan, but also wasn't surprised.

"He better be feeling real good if that's the case," Nelson

said, laughing. "He'll probably do a little free throws, a little technical stuff. He's a big boy now. He understands that he can't be burning up energy now like he could when he was 22."

Nowitzki has plenty of company on the injured list.

Backup center Brendan Haywood lasted only three minutes in Game 4 because of a hip injury that kept him out the previous game. He said Wednesday "we'll see" when asked about his chances of playing in Game 5.

Chandler picked up the slack by playing a team-high 43 minutes. Shawn Marion was limited to 26 minutes after playing a team-high 43 the previous game. Terry is also getting over a bone bruise in his shooting wrist sustained in Game 1.

And don't forget about Nowitzki's damaged digit. At a news conference Wednesday, he left middle finger was held straight with a tongue depressor taped under it as a makeshift splint.

Hey, it's the playoffs. Whatever it takes.

"Basically, for a month and a half, two months, you're living on the edge every night," Nowitzki said. "You're thinking about it, eat, breathe, sleep basketball, and that's what's fun about the playoffs, but also very draining."

"We have one more week to go, both teams, and we're going to go for it. Both teams are going to get their vacation afterwards."

Stern: Sides 'very far apart' on NBA labor deal

DALLAS (AP)—Repeating the words several times, David Stern made it clear: NBA owners and players are "very far apart" on a new labor deal.

And with the union saying the league hasn't moved off its harshest demands, it may be hard to get closer in time to prevent a lockout.

"I think one of the owners indicated at the conclusion of today's meeting that he was very pessimistic as to whether or not they'd be able to reach an accord between now and the end of the month, and I'm forced to share that sentiment," union executive director Billy Hunter said Wednesday. "I think maybe it's going to be a difficult struggle."

Representatives of the owners and players completed a second day of meetings, scheduled two more for next week, and expressed hope that continued dialogue before the June 30 expiration of the collective bargaining agreement could head off a work stoppage.

Yet the players reiterated their opposition to a hard salary cap, reduction in con-

tract lengths and the amount for which they could be guaranteed, and said owners haven't budged on their desire for all three.

"No change at all. What has changed is maybe the mechanism, the system somewhat in maybe how we get there. We tossed around some ideas in that regard, but there is no hiding the fact that the main components of what we originally received in their proposal have not changed at all," union president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said. "So from that standpoint, there hasn't been much of a negotiation because that really hasn't changed."

Owners are seeking an overhaul of the system after losses of hundreds of millions of dollars annually during the current CBA, which was ratified in 2005. They believe they could get the relief they seek through a hard cap that would replace the current soft cap system that allows teams to exceed the limit under certain exceptions.

"We do not believe that a hard salary cap system is something that is good for basketball," Fisher said.

Confidence high for Heat entering Game 5

DALLAS (AP)—The NBA finals between Miami and Dallas are a best-of-three series now, and LeBron James is coming off the worst scoring night of his professional playoff career.

No better time than now for a turnaround, the Heat forward said.

"I think it's that time," James said. "I think it's that time that I try to get myself going individually."

Said Heat guard Dwyane Wade: "Sounds good to me."

James' words surely sound good to the rest of the Heat, too. Game 5 of the NBA finals are Thursday in Dallas, the Heat and Mavericks tied at two games apiece, and all eyes—more than usual, if that's possible—will see how James bounces back from a stunning Game 4 statline.

He was held to eight points, more than 20 off his career playoff average coming into the

night, on 3-for-11 shooting in Miami's 86-83 loss.

So far in the finals, he has nine points in the fourth quarter. To put that in perspective, Dirk Nowitzki had 10 in the final quarter of Game 4 alone.

"I didn't play well, especially offensively. I know that," James said. "I've got to do a better job of helping this team win basketball games, especially late, no matter what it is. If that's getting an offensive rebound, like I said, making a couple of baskets, being more aggressive to give my guys opportunities to get open looks. I have to do that. That's what my job is. That's what I'm here for."

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said Miami will make some adjustments to help James' offensive flow in Game 5. The Mavericks may be providing James with some help as well.

On the eve of Game 5, Dallas

guard DeShawn Stevenson directed some sharp words toward James, saying he "checked out" in the final minutes of Game 4 on Tuesday night.

Stevenson isn't worried about the perception of his comments, either.

After Dallas practiced Wednesday, Stevenson was saying that the Heat are still getting to know each other, that James wasn't himself in Game 4 and that the two-time MVP is "talented enough that he can use anything in the paper to kind of boost his ego."

James was unbothered, at least outwardly, by his latest give-and-take with Stevenson.

"DeShawn, he's been talking for a long time, since our Washington-Cleveland days," James said. "I don't let that get to us. Those guys are playing well. We're playing well. It's a three-game series. Talk is cheap. You have to play the game of basket-

ball. Let the scores and the plays define the game."

When saying this series is even, it goes deeper than saying each team has won two games so far in the finals. Through four games, some of the statistical similarities are absurd.

■ Points: Miami is averaging 89, Dallas 87.8.

■ Rebounds: Dallas is averaging 40, Miami 39.

■ Field-goal percentage: Miami 42.8, Dallas 41.4.

■ 3-point percentage: Miami 34.5, Dallas 34.2.

In short, the Heat and Mavericks are even so far.

"We're in an absolute heavyweight bout, and that's the way it should be," Spoelstra said. "It's as even a series as it can be. Right now there's no 'woulda, coulda, shoulda.' Both teams have done the same thing. Won on each other's court, and won one game on their home court."

Vick hopes Burress uses him as an example



PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Michael Vick's advice for Plaxico Burress is to put his family ahead of football.

Vick, the Philadelphia Eagles' Pro Bowl quarterback, says he hopes Burress uses him as an example in his return to the NFL. The former New York Giants receiver spent nearly two years in prison for a gun charge and was released Monday.

Vick has made a remarkable comeback to the league after spending 18 months in federal prison for dogfighting charges. He led the Eagles to the NFC East title last season and was voted The Associated Press Comeback Player of the Year.

Vick hasn't communicated with Burress, but shared his thoughts on what he would say to him.

"Just take your time coming back and getting acclimated. Think family first and football second and it'll all work out," Vick said Wednesday. "It's great that he'll get a second chance. We'll pray for him, we're going to support him 100 percent and we're in his corner and we just want him to excel."

Vick was reviled when he came back, and there was an outcry from animal rights groups when the Eagles signed him in August 2009. But Vick won over

fans in Philadelphia and outside the city, too, with his sensational performance on the field and his service in the community.

Burress doesn't have to overcome similar animosity, though he still faces some challenges.

"Hopefully he'll use my situation as an example and go out and try and emulate what I've done in his own way," Vick said. "That's what it's about. It's about growth and it's about

learning. Things in life happen in stages and those are some things you have to go through as an individual."

The Eagles are rumored to be a potential home for Burress, and were even listed on one betting website as the favorites to land him at 3-2 odds. But a person familiar with the team's thinking told The Associated Press that Burress isn't in their plans.

That makes sense, consider-

ing the Eagles already have two standout receivers: DeSean Jackson and Jeremy Maclin. Jackson has been to the Pro Bowl twice and Maclin has star potential. Jason Avant and Riley Cooper give the team depth at the position.

Burress would fit in perfectly as a situational receiver inside the red zone because of his size. But it's likely he'd prefer a team that would offer him a chance to be the No. 1 or No. 2 target.

"He definitely brings a lot to the game, his passion, enthusiasm and the way he plays," Vick said. Vick and several other Eagles have said they'd welcome Burress to Philadelphia.

It's not their decision, though. "We haven't even gone there," Philadelphia coach Andy Reid said during the team's annual playground building event. "There is nothing you can do there."

Vick was 29 when he returned. Burress turns 34 in August. While age is a factor, Vick said Burress' position helps him.

"It's actually easier being a receiver and coming back and playing the game," Vick said. "You have to get your legs back up under you. I was a guy that had to live that. It's tough. You think you can do it, but you have to take that time out and make sure you're ready to go."

NFL, players meet for a second day in New York

NEW YORK (AP)—Whether they are meeting in secret locations or in the middle of Times Square at rush hour, talks between NFL owners and players are a good sign.

Commissioner Roger Goodell has been saying that ever since the lockout began on March 12. Players, agents and lawyers familiar with the negotiating process second the notion.

Both sides met Wednesday for a second straight day in New York, with Judge Arthur Boylan joining Goodell and NFLPA chief DeMaurice Smith. It was the second time this week that the sides got together. Last week, they met twice near Chicago.

Also on hand were five team owners and five players. That's

a critical component for reaching a new collective bargaining agreement.

"Having meetings on a regular basis is not nearly as important as having productive talks," said agent Ben Dogra, whose clients include Patrick Willis and Sam Bradford. "If having productive talks encompasses meeting on a regular basis, then it is a good for them to meet as often as possible."

Both sides seem ready to do that as they await a ruling about the legality of the lockout from the federal appeals court in St. Louis. The factions aren't due back in court until August. On Wednesday, Judge Susan Nelson moved up a hearing for the league's motion to dismiss the players' antitrust suit from

Sept. 12 to Aug. 29—nine days before the regular season is scheduled to begin.

"NFL owners and players continue to be engaged in confidential discussions before Chief Magistrate Judge Boylan," the two sides said in a joint statement. "Both sides met again this week as part of ongoing court mediation. Those discussions are expected to continue."

A person familiar with the talks told The Associated Press that the owners and players will meet again "soon and often. That means in the near future, not in a month or anything like that."

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks were supposed to remain confidential.

On hand at the latest talks were

owners John Mara of the New York Giants, Jerry Richardson of the Carolina Panthers, Robert Kraft of the New England Patriots, Clark Hunt of the Kansas City Chiefs and Dean Spanos of the San Diego Chargers.

Representing the players were NFLPA President Kevin Mawae, Mike Vrabel, Tony Richardson, Domonique Foxworth and Jeff Saturday.

Goodell told Buccaneers ticket holders Wednesday that "any time we're talking that's a positive because I believe both sides want to find solutions."

"I believe it's the objective of everybody involved with the NFL to play a full 2011 season," Goodell said during the conference call. "That's certainly what we're working

towards, and I think the players are working towards that, too. It's for the good of the game, it's for the good of the people involved in the game, and it's absolutely good for the fans."

But don't get too excited about the recent talks.

"I don't think having the meetings is necessarily a sign for optimism," Dogra said. "But the fact both sides are meeting and will continue to meet in undisclosed locations, and that ownership is present, is a good sign that both parties are continuing to talk through the issues."

Added Don Yee, agent for Tom Brady and an adjunct law professor at Southern Cal: "I think it is far too early for optimism. Generally, nothing in the sports business happens until the very last minute, and we're nowhere close to that yet."

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Roach: Mayweather could be preparing for Pacquiao



Filipino boxing champion Manny Pacquiao, left, gestures as he moves among the crowd toward Quiapo church in Manila, Philippines Saturday, May 14, 2011.

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NEW YORK (AP)—Trainer Freddie Roach believes Floyd Mayweather

Jr. could be preparing for a long-awaited showdown with Manny Pacquiao by returning to the ring in September. Roach, the trainer of the Filipino sensation, told The Associated Press in a phone interview on Wednesday that he thinks Mayweather has agreed to fight

young welterweight titleholder Victor Ortiz because his style would help get him ready for a fight against Pacquiao. “Of course, that’s the first thing that came to my mind,” Roach said. Ortiz and Pacquiao are both fast, high-volume punchers who tend to press the action. They are also southpaws, and Mayweather — who will be ending a 16-month layoff when he steps into the ring on Sept. 17 — has rarely fought left-handed opponents during his undefeated career.

The few he has fought, Zab Judah to name one, have caused him some problems. “I’m just figuring he’ll give us a good blueprint to fight him, how Floyd handles fighting a southpaw,” Roach said of Ortiz, who won the WBC 147-pound (67-kilogram) title with a narrow unanimous decision over Andre Berto in April, a certain candidate for Fight of the Year. “Some left-handers have given him trouble,” Roach said. “Judah gave him trouble but couldn’t maintain the pace. Guys like Victor Ortiz, Manny

Pacquiao, they can maintain that pace. And I do think the southpaw stance gives him trouble.” Pacquiao is scheduled to face Juan Manuel Marquez in November in the third fight of their epic series, after routing Shane Mosley last month. Mayweather easily beat Marquez in September 2009 before soundly beating Mosley in his most recent fight. Richard Schaefer of Golden Boy Promotions, who handles Ortiz and has worked with Mayweather in the past, laughed off the suggestion

that “Money Mayweather” could be getting ready to face Pacquiao by accepting a fight against someone as young and hungry as his fighter. “If you want to get ready for Manny, of all people, you’re not going to fight Victor Ortiz,” Schaefer said. “You would be shooting yourself to pick someone as tough, as physical, as strong, as young as Victor to prepare for Pacquiao.” Pacquiao and Mayweather have come close to reaching a deal for potentially the richest fight in boxing history on multiple occasions, only for it to evaporate. Mayweather has insisted that he will require random blood testing for any future fight, even though it is not required by any boxing commission. Pacquiao has agreed to the blood tests but the two sides could never agree on a specific protocol. Ortiz agreed to blood and urine testing laid out by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. Pacquiao recently settled a defamation lawsuit against Schaefer and his partner, Oscar De La Hoya. Pacquiao claimed in the suit that he has never tested positive for performance-en-

hancing drugs, but said that De La Hoya and Schaefer — along with Mayweather, his father and uncle — had embarked on a smear campaign to make people think he used drugs. Mayweather and his family members weren’t involved in the settlement so that case is still pending, which presents yet another obstacle to the megafight ever happening. In the meantime, Mayweather will start preparing for Ortiz. The former five-division champ has often been criticized for facing opponents who are smaller than him or past their prime, but that won’t be the case when he steps into the ring against the WBC titleholder. “Victor Ortiz is one of the most exciting guys in the sport. He’s a tremendous story, great personality, bilingual,” Schaefer said. “And it’s the comeback of Floyd Mayweather. “Over the last couple years, he always fought the guys before Pacquiao and he still got criticized,” Schaefer said. “Finally, the media and fight fans realize he doesn’t duck anyone. Coming back to fight Victor Ortiz shows you what he’s made all about.”

ANGELS

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Brewers held the Angels in the third and were awarded another run in the bottom frame off a balk, but left the bases loaded. Angels got the run back in the top of the fourth off an RBI base rip by Pete Tomokane and

stuffed the Brewers 1-2-3 in the bottom frame. Angels then pulled ahead, 11-2, in the fifth off errors and another RBI single by Iguel; Brewers stranded a man at second in the bottom frame. Angels pressed on in the sixth and added two more runs off four hits; Pat Alepuyo busted a two-RBI single.

Brewers managed a run in the bottom half as Mike Pangelinan led off with a triple and was driven home by Vince Cepeda. The Angels sat on their lead from there and contained the Brewers to just one run in their final stand. Winning pitcher Thomas Joab went the distance and gave up just two earned runs off five

hits and three walks with three strikeouts. Angles’ Iguel batted 3-for-6 with two RBIs, three runs, and three stolen bases. The Angels pounded 21 hits as a team in the second matchup. Nine of their 11 batters bagged at least one hit, eight of which made it around to score.

FUNDING

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Borja said they have to pay \$4,000 entrance fee per team and this will include charges for accommodation. For the Philippines alone, they need to pay \$8,000, but that can be lowered down, as they are thinking of booking their own accommoda-

tion at cheaper hotels in Manila. The assistant DA added that a bulk of the total cost of the trip will be used for airfare. The Jakarta trip will be the most expensive, as airfare is expected at around \$2,000 per delegate. Though they have yet to secure funding for the ASPAC participation, Borja encouraged players and managers to continue training. He said they will do their

part in raising funds for the trip, so coaches and manager must do theirs, too, and help prepare the Commonwealth’s sluggers. Borja also said they will do their best to prevent the disaster that struck the CNMI Major All-Stars last year from happening again. The Major All-Stars were stuck in Manila and failed to compete in Surabaya, Indonesia due to lack of confirmed seats

and flight delays, as reservations were made in the last minute. The three all-stars squads managed to reach Jakarta last year, but not after funds were secured only a few days before their trip. Winners in the ASPAC will earn a slot to the World Series. Last year, the CNMI Senior All-Stars ruled the ASPAC and played in the World Series in Bangor, Maine.

STRAIGHT

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In other games at Court 2, Chris Obaldo survived Kim Boranah in their women’s C singles match, 21-18, 20-21, 21-18, while Noli Santos swept Jerry Balarao in the men’s B1 singles, 21-18, 21-

17. Vic Reyes and Ezekiel Macario were also scheduled to play at Court 2 for the men’s B2 singles division, but the game was reset. At Court 3, only one of the five matches went the distance with Joseph Santos escaping past Edwin Montoya in the men’s B1 singles, 21-20, 21-8, 21-17. In the men’s B2 singles,

Roger Vales triumphed over Oh Imbog, 21-18, 21-20, while Panapa was awarded a walk-over win over Luis Camacho in the other men’s B2 tiff. The two women’s singles games at Court 3 resulted in sweeps with Cristy Villaflo topping Merlie Tolentino in the B1 division, 21-19, 21-18, and Michelle Caleon crushing

Shirley Kim in the B2 category, 21-15, 21-18. Action in the IT&E tournament continued last night and games will also be played this weekend. Each division has a round-robin format in the elimination with only the Top 4 teams advancing to the cross-over playoffs.

SLOTS

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sion,” Malasarte said. The midget category is for U18 players, while the juniors division will feature players in the 19 to 39 age group. Players in the 40-and-over age group must suit up in the masters division. Entrance fee is only \$750, inclusive of a complete uniform for a 12-man roster, a coach, a muse, and team banners. Interested teams are advised to submit their rosters on June 12. The league is scheduled to open shop on July 10 at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai. Games in the masters and juniors divisions are set every Tuesday and Thursday with

teams in Masters playing in the curtain-raiser. Matches in the midget division are scheduled only every Saturday. It will be the first time that UFO will have a separate competition for U18 players. Last year, UFO featured only games in the masters and open divisions. MAFEA- Ali’i Konflikt won the open division after sweeping 2009 champion MDX-Chow Queen in best-of-three championship affair. In the masters division, Cabalen-Wings Travel prevailed over MAFEA in a winner-take-all finals, 86-85. For more information about this year’s UFO caging, contact Bong Malasarte at 287-5525 or at bong@malasarte.com or Paul Madriaga at 287-4501 or at madriaga@pticom.com.

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MLB STANDINGS									
AMERICAN LEAGUE					Central Division				
East Division					St. Louis	37	26	.587	—
Boston	35	26	.574	—	Milwaukee	35	27	.565	1 1/2
New York	33	26	.559	1	Cincinnati	32	31	.508	5
Tampa Bay	33	29	.532	2 1/2	Pittsburgh	30	30	.500	5 1/2
Toronto	32	30	.516	3 1/2	Chicago	24	36	.400	11 1/2
Baltimore	29	31	.483	5 1/2	Houston	24	38	.387	12 1/2
Central Division					West Division				
Cleveland	34	26	.567	—	San Francisco	35	27	.565	—
Detroit	33	28	.541	1 1/2	Arizona	33	29	.532	2
Chicago	30	34	.469	6	Colorado	29	32	.475	5 1/2
Kansas City	26	36	.419	9	Los Angeles	29	34	.460	6 1/2
Minnesota	23	38	.377	11 1/2	San Diego	28	35	.444	7 1/2
West Division					Yesterday's Games				
Texas	35	28	.556	—	Chicago Cubs 4, Cincinnati 1				
Seattle	32	30	.516	2 1/2	San Francisco 3, Washington 1				
Los Angeles	30	34	.469	5 1/2	Colorado 5, San Diego 3				
Oakland	27	36	.429	8	Pittsburgh 3, Arizona 2, 12 innings				
NATIONAL LEAGUE					Philadelphia 2, L.A. Dodgers 0				
East Division					Atlanta 3, Florida 2, 10 innings				
Philadelphia	37	25	.597	—	Houston 4, St. Louis 1				
Atlanta	34	28	.548	3	Milwaukee 7, N.Y. Mets 6				
Florida	31	29	.517	5	Minnesota 3, Cleveland 2, 10 innings				
New York	29	32	.475	7 1/2	Boston 11, N.Y. Yankees 6				
Washington	27	35	.435	10	Baltimore 3, Oakland 2				
					Texas 7, Detroit 3				
					Seattle 7, Chicago White Sox 4, 10 innings				
					Toronto 9, Kansas City 8				
					Tampa Bay 4, L.A. Angels 3, 10 innings				

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Tsunami Saipan eyes 2014 Micro Games

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As Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan concluded its 2010-2011 season, head coach Hiro Kimura challenged his wards to work hard in the coming years and aim for the 2014 Micronesian Games.

"In the next three years, we will be training and preparing swimmers for the 2014 Micronesian Games. We hope to send as many swimmers as we can in the Micro Games, so keep improving your times," Kimura said during Tsunami Saipan's recognition ceremony last Sunday at Marianas Resort.

The next Micro Games will be held in Pohnpei, which was awarded the hosting rights for the quadrennial meet during the Micronesian Games Council general assembly in Palau last year.

Swimming is one of the 13 sports Pohnpei is proposing to have in its calendar. Others on the list are basketball (men's and women's), indoor volleyball (men's and women), baseball (men), softball, athletics, table tennis, weightlifting, wrestling, outrigger canoe, Micro All-Around, lawn ten-



Tsunami Saipan record-holders pose with club president Stan Good, left back row, and head coach Hiro Kimura, right back row, during a recognition ceremony last Sunday at Marianas Resort.

nis, and spearfishing. Pohnpei is also suggesting to have the Games in late July during the school break.

In the last edition of the Micro Games in Palau, Tsunami Saipan sent four swimmers to the event. They were Rezne Wong, Kai Staal, and brothers Kensuke and Shin Kimura. Hiro Kimura coached the men's swimming team, which also included Saipan Swim Club's Michael Moran, Andrew Kimball, and Junior Pamaran. SSC

coach Michael Villagomez handled the women's team, which had Grace Kimball, Victoria Chentsova, and Tamiko Winkfield as members.

The CNMI Swim Team dominated the Micronesian Games, winning 24 gold medals or more than half of the Commonwealth's total gold medal haul (44).

Wong led the team's medal surge, topping eight individual events (100m and 200m breaststroke, 50m, 100m, and 200m butterfly, 200m and

400m individual medley, and 5-kilometer open water swim. He took the silver in the 50m freestyle and anchored the CNMI's sweep of the five relay races (200m and 400m medley relay and 100m, 400m, and 800m freestyle relay).

Staal delivered gold medals for the CNMI in the 50m and 200m freestyle, 50m and 100m backstroke, and 50m breaststroke and won silver in the 100m and 200m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, and 5K open water swim.

Shin Kimura gave the Commonwealth two gold medals (400m and 1,500m freestyle) and one silver (200m freestyle), while younger brother Kensuke pocketed one gold (200m backstroke), four silvers (50m and 100m back and 200m and 400m IM), and one bronze (200m butterfly).

The four Micro Games veterans are expected to represent the CNMI anew in Pohnpei and can be joined by Tsunami Saipan's promising talents, like outstanding swimmer of the year award-ees Kaito Yanai and Lukas Kang and lone Tsunami female record-holder Angel Marie Tan.

"Do your best in the next seasons to come and I am sure you can make the grade in the Micro Games," Hiro Kimura said.

Smart Cagers stop Blue Haus' win streak, 66-61

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IT&E Smart Cagers upset top-ranked Blue Haus, 66-61, in the second game of the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup Invitational League Wednesday night at the Garapan basketball court.

Konflikt, meanwhile, notched two wins by first routing Rollers Happiness, 80-51, in the curtain raiser before downing Prospects, 77-74, in the continuation of a game first played last Friday.

Although enduring a loss, Blue Haus still remains atop the standings with its 6-1 slate, a half game ahead of Sonics (5-1), while IT&E is tied for third place with defending champions Mobil, as both teams share identical 5-2 cards.

Konflikt improved to fourth place after evening out its win-loss card to 4-4, while 2010 runner-up Ferrera Builders (4-3), Rollers Madness (1-5), Rollers Happiness (0-6), and Prospects (0-6) round out the bottom four.

Prospects take on Madness tonight at 6pm, after which the Sonics face off against Mobil at 8pm.

In Wednesday's first game, Konflikt and Happiness paced each other as the game was even at 13-all after the opening 10 minutes of play.

Then Konflikt's defense bit down in the second quarter as



Konflikt's Elmer Esdreton, seen here in a file photo, scored 11 points in their win against Rollers Happiness Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

it jumped ahead, 32-22, at the half. Bon Tamayo carried the torch with seven points in the period.

Konflikt maintained a 54-42 advantage with a quarter to go, as seven players chipped in on the action.

Happiness' offense disappeared at crunch time as Konflikt ran away with it at the end.

Back on Friday before rain poured down on the court, Prospects managed a 28-25 edge in the first quarter thanks to a couple of 3-pointers by Chris Lansang to go with the 10 points of Glenn Aquino.

It remained tight in the second period, as Prospects maintained a 43-41 lead at the break.

Then Konflikt erupted in the third quarter and pulled ahead,

66-55, with a quarter to go.

The rain came down with just 2:30 on the clock with Konflikt ahead, 75-67. The game continued last Wednesday, but finished uneventfully, as Konflikt milked the clock and drained a couple of freebies to seal the deal.

Konflikt's Elmer Esdreton one-upped Prospects' Jun Abedes with 22 points in the match.

In Wednesday's scheduled second match, IT&E managed a slim 15-13 lead against Blue Haus in the first quarter as the team sank six free throws in the period.

IT&E then stretched its lead to 33-29 at the half as Errol Peredo and Pete Iguel contributed six points apiece.

The team maintained a 49-46 edge with a quarter to go.

Blue Haus did not go away, but IT&E stayed true to its Smart moniker and held on for the win. Marlon De Dios tallied 10 points in the clutch to go with five free throws.

IT&E's De Dios and Blue Haus' Brendon Talania tallied 16 points apiece in the game.

First Game

Konflikt 80 – Mangali 16, Joyner 15, Tamayo 13, Esdreton 11, Mendoza 10, Camacho 5, Libuw 4, Tumaquip 4, Arreza 2

Happiness 51 – Aulerio 11, Aughenbaugh 11, Danas 8, Bees 6, Brennan 4, Cepeda 4, Namelo 4, Torres 3, Babauta 2, DL Guerrero 2, Lizama 2, Reyes 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-13, 32-22, 54-42, 80-51.

Second Game

IT&E Smart Cagers 66 – De Dios 16, Peredo 15, Iguel 12, Barbo 10, Manolo 6, Ngeskebei 5, Caro 2.

Blue Haus 61 – Talania 16, Mateo 14, Vinas 13, Santos 10, De Vero 2, Diaz 2, Fernandez 2, Guiang 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-13, 33-29, 49-46, 66-61.

Friday's Game

Konflikt 77 – Esdreton 22, Mendoza 20, Joyner 16, Libuw 7, Tumaquip 7, Tamayo 5

Prospects 64 – Abedes 21, Aquino 19, Sablan 11, Lansang 7, Ortes 7, Mabini 4, Johannes 3.

Scoring by quarters: 25-28, 41-43, 66-55, 77-74.

Trench Warz 14 comes to Crime Stoppers' help



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Brad "Badd" Palacios, left, will take on Mai Tai "The Charger" Charley in Trench Warz 14: Ground Zero set for June 17 at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

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Trench Tech Purebred Promotions will be donating \$1 for every ticket it sells in Trench Warz 14: Ground Zero to the reward money the NMI Crime Stoppers Program has set aside for the safe return of sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk.

Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez said the disappearance of the two Kagman Elementary School students since last May 25 has affected him deeply so he decided to donate a portion of the proceeds from the June 17 mixed martial arts event to search efforts to locate them.

"I am very sad and angry that the two sisters haven't been found yet and this donation is just a small and humble way to show our support and appreciation to all the search and rescue personnel and honor their efforts. Crime Stoppers will receive our donation and will add it to the reward money for anyone who can help solve the case," he said.

Alvarez said the Luhk sisters' disappearance is a very touching and sad incident and the first of its kind to take place in the CNMI.

"We just don't have children go missing around the islands! Being a father, it is very heart-breaking for any parent not knowing where their child is, yet alone two of their children at the same time. God bless everyone involved in searching for the two girls and may He guide us to wherever they may be!" he added.

Trench Warz 14 is set on June 17 at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort. Doors open at 7pm and fights start at 8pm.

Alvarez said a total of 15 bouts are currently listed in the fight card, which main bout is a featherweight fight between Trench Tech's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan (17-6) and Tiger Muay Thai's Mark Streigl (3-0).

Before the Sablan-Streigl bout, a welterweight super fight takes the cage with Trench Tech's Fasi "Quickdraw" Jesse (7-3) welcoming Underworld Extreme's Tyrone Jones in his professional debut.

Other bouts in the tentative fight card include the following pairings:

■ Trench Tech's Martin "Ning" Cepeda (3-3) vs. Guam's Martin Pablo (2-0) in a light heavyweight bout;

■ Guam Spike 22's Mike Taitano (3-0) vs. Saipan independent Simon "Bad Boy" Sebuu (2-1) in a welterweight bout;

■ Predator Combat Team's "Tabi" Jay Muna (5-12) vs. team Haga's Jordan "Jungle Boy" Ogo (3-1) of Tinian in a flyweight bout;

■ Trench Tech's Brad "Badd" Palacios (9-3) vs. Marianas Elite's Mai Tai "The Charger" Charley (3-7) of Tinian in a featherweight bout;

■ Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez (5-0) vs. Marianas Elite's Vince Pua (2-0) in a lightweight bout;

■ Trench Tech's Josh "Chaos" Duenas (0-1) vs. Marianas Elite's Josh Cruz (1-3) in a featherweight bout;

■ Team Zeng Zung of Tinian's Regino Mundo (2-0) vs. Double D's Elegion newcomer Glenn Gardee in a K-1 kickboxing match;

■ Independent fighter Roman Cabrera (0-1) vs. Zalaka's Lyle Deleon Guerrero (2-1) in a bantamweight bout;

■ Independent fighter Kev Esteves (1-3) vs. Fight Factory of Guam newcomer Allan Guzman in a featherweight bout;

■ Zalaka's Zach Reyes vs. Trench Tech/Mongmong Toto Maite of Guam fighter Rob Alvarez (1-0) in a featherweight bout;

■ Zalaka's Joe Duenas (1-0) vs. Frank "The Crippler" Atalig in a bantamweight bout;

■ Double D's Marlon Gardee (0-1) vs. Zalaka's Jacob Ilo (2-1) in a K-1 flyweight bout; and

■ Trench Tech's Ryan "TTrobz" Ngirbabul vs. independent fighter Derrick San Nicolas in a light heavyweight bout.

Pepsi, Miller Lite, Monster Energy, Konflikt MMA, Budget Rent-A-Car, Century Hotel, Hagu Next, and Docomo Pacific are sponsoring the event in conjunction with the Department of Public Health.

Tickets cost \$25 for general admission and just \$30 for VIP seating and are on sale now at Boarderline, 670 Rocksteady Shop, Hannam Super Market in Koblerville, The Trapp Urban Boutique, FISG in Cabrera Center (ask for Mariana), and Trench Tech Gym in San Antonio.

For more information about Trench Warz 14, contact Trench Tech at 483-4MMA (4662).

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Angels pummel Brewers, even finals



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St. Michael's Angels batter Tyron Omar waits for a pitch in Game 2 of their best-of-five SML championship series against the Tan Holdings Brewers Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

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The St. Michael's Angels let their bats do the talking in Game 2 of the Saipan Major League championship series after beating Tan Holdings Brewers, 13-4, Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The statement win evened up the best-of-five finals series at 1-1. The series continues with Game 3 tonight beginning 6:30pm at Tan Ko Field.

Angels took an early 2-0 lead in the opening frame off two hits and a pair of errors. Brewers went 1-2-3 in the bottom half.

The Angels then shot ahead,

8-1, in the second inning off a couple of errors, RBI singles by Jesus Iguel and Dave Camacho, and a two-RBI base smash by Benwachi Taisacan.

Brewers managed only one run in the bottom frame from a sacrifice fly by Asap Wabol.



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Slots for UFO caging still open

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The 2011 UFO Inter-Organizational Basketball League is still accepting teams for the midget, juniors, and masters divisions.

UFO president Bong Mala-

sarte said at least six teams have already shown their interests in competing in the juniors division, while four and five squads have signified their intentions in joining the midget and masters categories, respectively.

"We're hoping to have at least eight teams in each divi-

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No funding yet for trip to Regionals

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The CNMI Little League District has yet to secure funding for the 2011 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament, but is optimistic that it will do so before the Commonwealth's sluggers leave later this month.

Assistant District Administrator Mike Borja said he is scheduled to meet with acting gover-

nor Eloy Inos to check the status of their request for financial assistance and he is positive that despite the financial difficulties the government is facing right now, funds can still be found to allow the CNMI to participate in the ASPAC.

"The governor and the lieutenant governor are avid supporters of youth programs like the Little League and I am sure they will find a way to help us," said Borja, who CNMI District Administrator James Ada tasked to help secure funding



Borja

for the ASPAC trip.

Borja estimated the funds needed for the regional tournament between \$120,000 and \$200,000.

The CNMI will be competing the Big and Senior League divisions of the ASPAC in the Philippines from June 26 to July 1. In the Majors, the CNMI will be in Guam from July 7 to 15, while the Commonwealth's bets in the Junior League will be in Jakarta, Indonesia from June 26 to 29.

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Straight set wins mark Day 3 of IT&E tourney



Joseph Santos, seen here returning to Saul Gargallo during the opening of the IT&E tournament, won in three sets against Edwin Montoya in their men's B1 singles game on Wednesday night at the NMBA Gym.

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Day 3 of the 2011 IT&E Singles/Doubles Badminton Tournament was a short one for 11 players, as they nailed straight set victories at the NMBA Gym at the TSL Sports Complex on Wednesday night.

At Court 1, all five matches were decided in two sets. In the first game, Jerome Malasarte swept Joel Ortega in the men's C singles, 21-16, 21-12. In the second match, Alma Ortega also needed only two sets to down Irish Pagarao in the women's C

singles, 21-16, 21-16. The third match at Court 1 was another women's C singles game with Roma Barlaio defeating Arlyn Naguit, 21-18, 21-8.

The last two tiffs at Court 1 featured men's A singles players. In the fourth game, Ferdie Arago whipped Mario Diola, 21-9, 21-8, while Dick Guintu edged Andrew Galvez, 21-20, 21-10.

Over at Court 2, Rodwealth Espana split his men's B2 matches, losing first to Chris Hilario, 20-21, 18-21, before bouncing back against Aries Cordero with a 21-8, 21-15 victory.

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MDX-Chow Queen's Kae Bernado, center, is seen here up against MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt's Edmark Mendoza, left, and Darwin Barbo during Game 1 of the title game in the open division of the UFO caging last year at the JP Center Basketball Court.